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To the Masonic Fraternity in California:

IN obedience to an order of the Grand Lodge of this State, passed May 14th, A. L. 5858, the third volume of its proceedings, embracing the transactions of the years 5857 and 5858, is now bound in a manner uniform with the preceding ones, and presented for the use of the Lodges and brethren. A new and copious index has been prepared; and as no labor has been spared, either in the original preparation of the matter for and its progress through the press, or in the superintendence of its present arrangement, it is hoped that it may meet the approbation of the Craft, and be deemed worthy the high position which the Grand Lodge of California now occupies among the similar bodies of the world.

If this method of perpetuating our records be continued, it is scarcely possible that the history of Masonry in this State can become obliterated or obscure. Few, if any, of the Grand Lodges now existing, can present such a series of publications: and the undersigned feels a double pleasure in having originated the present system for preserving the annals of Masonry here, and in having thus far been so well supported by the Grand Lodge in carrying it into effect.

ALEX. G. ABELL,
Grand Secretary.

SAN FRANCISCO, *June, A. L. 5858.*

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Grand Lodge of California.

I, ALEXANDER G. ABELL, Grand Secretary of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California, do hereby certify that the following pages contain a true and faithful transcript of the proceedings of that body at its eighth Annual Communication, commenced at the City of Sacramento on Tuesday, the twelfth day of May, A. L. 5857, and of the returns of the subordinate Lodges and other matters authorized to be published.



In Testimony Whereof,

I have hereunto appended my official signature, and have affixed the Seal of the Grand Lodge of the State of California, at the office of the Grand Secretary in the City of San Francisco, this fifteenth day of June, A. L. 5857.

Alex G. Abell

Grand Sec.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
M.: W.: GRAND LODGE
OF
Free and Accepted Masons
OF THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
AT THE
EIGHTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

HELD AT
The Masonic Hall, in the City of Sacramento;

COMMENCED ON
TUESDAY, MAY 12TH, A. D. 1857, A. L. 5857,

AND TERMINATED ON
MONDAY, MAY 18TH, A. D. 1857, A. L. 5857.

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GRAND OFFICERS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA,

FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING MAY, A. L. 5857.

M. W. N. GREENE CURTIS, ...	GRAND MASTER, ...	<i>Sacramento ;</i>
R. W. CHARLES MARSH, ...	DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, ...	<i>Nevada ;</i>
" " AARON D. PARK, ...	SENIOR GRAND WARDEN, ...	<i>Diamond Springs ;</i>
" " JOHN B. BOPE, ...	JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN, ...	<i>Forest City ;</i>
" " ADDISON MARTIN, ...	GRAND TREASURER, ...	<i>San Francisco ;</i>
" " ALEX. G. ABELL, ...	GRAND SECRETARY, ...	<i>San Francisco ;</i>
Rev. & W. O. C. WHEELER, ...	GRAND CHAPLAIN, ...	<i>Sacramento ;</i>
" JAMES W. CLAIBORNE, ...	GRAND ORATOR, ...	<i>Jamestown ;</i>
" LAWRENCE C. OWEN, ...	ASST. GRAND SECRETARY, ...	<i>San Francisco ;</i>
" THOMAS M. REED, ...	GRAND MARSHAL, ...	<i>Coloma ;</i>
" EDGAR BOGARDUS, ...	GRAND STANDARD BEARER, ...	<i>Indian Diggings ;</i>
" JOSEPH TYSON, ...	GRAND SWORD BEARER, ...	<i>Yreka ;</i>
" GEORGE C. YOUNT, ...	GRAND BIBLE BEARER, ...	<i>Napa ;</i>
" JOSEPH DE BELL, ...	SENIOR GRAND DEACON, ...	<i>Marysville ;</i>
" B. NEWMAN, ...	JUNIOR GRAND DEACON, ...	<i>Petaluma ;</i>
" E. LANE, ...	} GRAND STEWARDS, ...	{ <i>Rabbit Creek ;</i> <i>Minnesota ;</i>
" J. S. BLACKWELL, ...		
" HENRY L. DAVIS, ...	GRAND ORGANIST, ...	<i>San Francisco ;</i>
" F. C. ANDREW, ...	GRAND PURSUIVANT, ...	<i>Stockton ;</i>
" O. D. CHAFEE, ...	GRAND TYLER, ...	<i>Sacramento.</i>

1954

GRAND LODGE

OF

Free and Accepted Masons

OF THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

EIGHTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California commenced its Eighth Annual Communication at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Sacramento, on Tuesday, the twelfth day of May, A. L. 5857, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Upon calling the roll of members, there were found present the following : —

GRAND OFFICERS :

The M.: W.:	WM. H. HOWARD,	<i>Grand Master ;</i>
R.: W.:	J. A. RAYMOND,	<i>Deputy Grand Master ;</i>
" "	P. W. RANDLE,	<i>Junior Grand Warden ;</i>
" "	ADDISON MARTIN,	<i>Grand Treasurer ;</i>
" "	ALEX. G. ABELI,	<i>Grand Secretary ;</i>
Rev. and W.:	O. C. WHEELER,	<i>Grand Chaplain ;</i>
" "	JOHN F. MORSE,	<i>Grand Orator ;</i>
" "	L. C. OWEN,	<i>Asst. Grand Secretary ;</i>
" "	CHARLES MARSH,	<i>Grand Marshal ;</i>
" "	H. G. BROWN,	} <i>Grand Stewards ;</i>
" "	J. B. BUKER,	
" "	H. L. DAVIS,	<i>Grand Organist ;</i>
" "	O. D. CHAFEE,	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

PAST GRAND OFFICERS :

The M.: W.:	JOHN A. TUTT,	<i>Past Grand Master ;</i>
R.: W.:	T. A. THOMAS,	<i>Past Deputy Grand Master ;</i>
" "	N. GREENE CURTIS,	<i>Past Deputy Grand Master ;</i>
" "	ADOLPHUS HOLLUB,	<i>Past Senior Grand Warden ;</i>
" "	J. R. CRANDALL,	<i>Past Senior Grand Warden ;</i>
" "	RICHARD F. KNOTT,	<i>Past Junior Grand Warden ;</i>

And the representatives of sixty-nine chartered Lodges, together with a large number of Past Masters entitled to seats.

The Grand Master filled the vacant stations and places by the following appointments, *pro tempore* : —

The R. W. ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, as.....	Senior Grand Warden :
W. J. JUDSON AMES, as.....	Grand Standard Bearer ;
“ THOS. P. HAWLEY, as.....	Grand Sword Bearer ;
“ E. S. RUGGLES, as.....	Grand Bible Bearer ;
“ E. W. POTTER, as.....	Senior Grand Deacon ;
“ H. F. WILLIAMS, as.....	Junior Grand Deacon ;
“ J. G. HUFF, as.....	Grand Pursuivant.

There being a sufficient representation, the Grand Lodge of California was opened in **Ample Form**, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The reading of the proceedings at the last Annual Communication was dispensed with, the members being furnished with printed copies thereof.

The Grand Master announced the following committee —

On Credentials.....	{	Bro. A. Martin,
		“ R. F. Knott,
		“ H. G. Brown,
		“ A. T. Nelson,
		“ J. S. Blackwell.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 2 o'clock, this afternoon.

In Grand Lodge.

AFTERNOON SESSION, }
Tuesday, May 12th, A. L. 5857. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 2 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Master presiding.

Bro. A. MARTIN, from the Committee on Credentials, reported the following officers and representatives of chartered Lodges, and Past Masters holding membership within this jurisdiction, as present and entitled to seats in the Grand Lodge, viz.: from

California, No,.....	{	ALEX. G. ABELL, Worshipful Master and P. M. ;	}	Past Masters,
		HENRY F. WILLIAMS, Senior Warden ;		
		BENJ. H. FREEMAN, Junior Warden ;		
		RICHARD F. KNOTT,		
		JOHN D. CREIGH,		
		LEWIS PECK,		
		LUTHER T. WILSON,		

- Western Star*,....No. 2,... { JOSEPH ISAACS, Worshipful Master ;
M. H. MYRICK, proxy for Junior Warden ;
J. A. RAYMOND, Past Master.
- Tehama*,.....No. 3,... { A. T. NELSON, Worshipful Master and P. M. ;
J. H. CULVER, Senior Warden ;
C. M. CORNELL, Junior Warden ;
JOHN A. TUTT, }
T. A. THOMAS, } Past Masters.
JOHN F. MORSE, }
O. D. CHAFEE, }
- San Francisco*,....No. 7,... { ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, Worshipful Master and P.M.;
J. J. PAPY, Past Master and proxy for J. W. ;
ADDISON MARTIN, Past Master.
- Tuolumne*,.....No. 8,.....W. W. TRAYLOR, Past Master.
- Marysville*, ...No. 9,... { J. R. TOTMAN, Senior Warden ;
P. W. RANDLE, Past Master.
- San Jose*, ...No. 10... { JOHN B. HEWSON, Worshipful Master and P. M. ;
R. W. DAVIS, proxy for Senior Warden ;
W. H. HOWARD, Past Master.
- Yount*,.....No. 12,.....JAMES M. WILSON, Representative.
- Nevada*,.....No. 13,... { THOS. P. HAWLEY, Worshipful Master ;
THOS. H. CASWELL, proxy for Senior Warden ;
WM. G. ALBAN, Past Master.
- Eureka*,.....No. 16,.....J. R. CRANDALL, Worshipful Master and P. M.
- Mountain Shade*,No. 18,... { H. G. BROWN, Worshipful Master and P. M. ;
E. C. SOUTHWORTH, proxy for Junior Warden.
- San Joaquin*, ...No. 19,... { E. M. HOWISON, J. W. and proxy for W. M. ;
J. B. KENNEDY, proxy for Senior Warden ;
F. C. ANDREW, Past Master.
- Washington*,....No. 20,... { N. GREENE CURTIS, Worshipful Master and P. M. ;
H. C. HARRISON, Senior Warden ;
L. W. FERRIS, Junior Warden ;
ISAAC DAVIS, Past Master.
- Hawaiian*, ...No. 21,.....ALEX. G. ABELL, Representative.
- Madison*,.....No. 23,... { JOHN P. McLAUGHLIN, Junior Warden ;
O. H. DIBBLE, Past Master.
- Georgetown*,.....No. 25,... { JAS. Z. KELLY, Worshipful Master ;
JOHN B. HARDEN, Senior Warden ;
JOHN C. SIMPSON, Junior Warden.
- El Dorado*,.....No. 26,... { WM. A. JANUARY, Worshipful Master ;
J. B. BUKER, Past Master.
- Trinity*,.....No. 27,.....JOHN C. BURCH, Junior Warden.
- Columbia*, ...No. 28,... { JAS. A. JACKSON, Worshipful Master and P. M. ;
JAS. W. COFFROTH, proxy for Senior Warden.
- Diamond*,.....No. 29,... { C. F. IRWIN, Worshipful Master ;
E. H. EVANS, Senior Warden ;
W. W. RISON, Junior Warden ;
A. D. PARK, Past Master.

Wisconsin Hill, No. 74,.....W. C. RICH, Worshipful Master.
Mount'n Forest, No. 75,.....JACOB A. EWALT, Worshipful Master.
Petaluma, ...No. 77,.....B. NEWMAN, Worshipful Master.
Humboldt, ...No. 79,.....S. G. WHIPPLE, Representative.
Ione, ...No. 80,.....A. E. CALLAWAY, Past Master.
Mountain, ...No. 82,.....C. GILMAN, Past Master and Representative.
Rising Star, ...No. 83,... { J. W. HARVILLE, Worshipful Master and P. M. ;
 { J. M. MINER, Junior Warden.
Indian Diggings, No. 85,.....E. BOGARDUS, Past Master and Repesentative.
St. Louis, ...No. 86,.....JOEL EVELAND, Worshipful Master.
Quitman, ...No. 88,... { ANDREW HANNA, Worshipful Master and P. M. ;
 { WM. C. WOOD, proxy for Senior Warden.
Rose's Bar, ...No. 89,.....A. L. MORRISON, Senior Warden.
Acacia, ...No. 92,.....THOMAS M. REED, Worshipful Master and P. M.
Mt. Hermon, ...No. 94,... { WM. M. MILBURN, Worshipful Master ;
 { DAVID TITHERINGTON, Junior Warden.
Howard, ...No. 96,... { E. W. POTTER, Worshipful Master ;
 { W. S. R. TAYLOR, Past Master.
Jefferson, ...No. 97,.....E. LANE, Worshipful Master and P. M.
Quartzburg, ...No. 98,.....A. McNEIL, Representative.
Campo Seco, ...No. 100,.....J. M. HAVENS, Worshipful Master and P. M.
Clay, ...No. 101,.....J. H. MONTGOMERY, Worshipful Master and P. M.
Manzanita, ...No. 102,... { WM. A. SEARS, Worshipful Master ;
 { H. A. GASTON, proxy for Junior Warden.
Oroville, ...No. 103,.....D. G. O'DONNELL, Representative.

The foregoing report was received and concurred in, and the brethren therein named were admitted to seats.

The Grand Master then delivered his Annual Address to the Grand Lodge of California, as follows : —

BRETHREN OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL

GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA :—

The time has again arrived for me to render you an account of my official acts for the Masonic year, and to offer for your consideration such suggestions as may seem calculated to promote the interests of the Craft, and secure its permanent prosperity. Such of my official acts as may be deemed of sufficient importance to engage your attention I will now endeavor to enumerate, and will at any time hereafter afford such additional information as may be desired, so far as may lie within my power.

Our acknowledgments are first due to our Supreme Grand Master for his protection during the past year, and for the many evidences which he has afforded us of his superintending care. In the oblations which we have offered for his acceptance, we have pledged ourselves to the promotion of that peace and harmony which

we have besought him should pervade our councils ; and let us not forget that he will hold us accountable for any act of ours which may be calculated to mar their efficacy, and to introduce confusion and misrule. Let the general tenor of our deportment be conducive to the legitimate purposes of our assemblage, to the eradication of evil, and to the attainment of good ; and in their accomplishment let us see that our councils be characterised by that prudent and deliberative action which seldom fails to result from an enlightened and just course of policy ; and above all, that they bear the impress of the ennobling virtues of forbearance and self-sacrifice, wherever they may be needed to promote peace and harmony and secure the greatest amount of good to the greatest number. Let us bear these things in mind, my brethren,—that Masonry inculcates forbearance, and rejoices in the doctrine of an expansive charity ; and let the line of our conduct be in accordance with these suggestions.

Another year has passed away. It has passed as the wind passeth, and like the wind when the wings of the tempest have been spread and its power invoked, it has left traces of its violence, while sweeping away the pestilential vapors that hovered over its pathway. Would that its evils had all passed along with it, and that the good alone remained. Then might we not be called upon to deplore the one, while contemplating the other, as seen through the medium of past events, and the impress of their tracings upon the lineaments of the developing future. Another year has passed away. The sound of its whirl of stirring incidents has died in lingering echoes beneath the mausoleum of ages. But its history has been written. The record of its changeless events has been laid up in the world's archives, to be brought forth when the day of retribution shall come—when the myriads who have trodden the earth shall be aroused from their deep slumbers—when the just and the unjust, the oppressed and the oppressor, the murderer and his victim, shall stand face to face before a tribunal where injustice will find no advocate ; where the yoke of the oppressor will lie broken beneath the feet of the oppressed ; where the hand of the assassin will be palsied and powerless forever ; and there will be no league of iniquity to shield the confederates of crime. With the year that has passed, have gone also the loved and the lost of our own number. They have been but few, but many have lamented their fate. Who is there among us that does not remember the familiar face of JACOB M. FOUSE ? And who is there that ever knew, and did not love him ? Others too, whose names are written upon the tablets of our hearts, have trodden the valley of the shadow of death since last we met. While on the one hand the silver cord was gently loosed by the blight of disease, and the pitcher noiselessly broken at the fountain, on the other, the sands of life were rudely dashed from their shivered glass by the hand of violence, and the wheel was broken at the cistern ere the half of its evolutions had been made. May they rest in peace ; for their winter of death has passed away, and we have an abiding hope that they have awakened to newness of life, in the genial warmth of that bright and happy spirit-land whither they have gone.

I am happy in being enabled to report to you that the condition of the Craft throughout the jurisdiction is generally satisfactory, although I regret to say that it is not wholly free from the operation of adverse influences. Instances have occurred where its peace and harmony have been disturbed by those who, in consequence of their elevated positions, should have been their principal conservators ; and this is the more to be deplored, as it is calculated to reflect the more discredit upon the institution.

The first of these to which I will direct attention, is a difficulty which occurred in July last between the presiding officers of San Joaquin and Morning Star Lodges, the latter being also an officer of this Grand Lodge. The former is charged with having premeditated and made an assault upon the latter with a stick, thereby severely beating and bruising him ; but great provocation is pleaded in extenuation, he having, as he alleges, been grossly slandered. I availed myself of the earliest opportunity to investigate this difficulty in Stockton, where it occurred, and upon his own admission of having made the attack, I suspended the Master of San Joaquin Lodge from office. The other Brother being absent from the State, and also an officer of this Grand Lodge, I thought it advisable that an investigation of the causes which led to the attack should be deferred until his return, and he had also under the immediate direction of the Grand Lodge. I shall submit this case with-

out further remark than an expression of my deep mortification that such a difficulty should have occurred. It is a sad reflection that those to whom the Craft are taught to look for counsel and advice, and example worthy of imitation, should themselves fall out by the way, and by crimination on the one part, and physical aggression on the other, introduce contention and strife where peace and harmony should alone prevail.

The next case is that of the late Master of Caymus Lodge, No. 93, who was charged with an act of unmasonic conduct, which it is not necessary here to mention. Upon an investigation of the charge, in his Lodge, which I visited for that purpose, I suspended him from office; and have been informed that after the expiration of his term of office, he was tried and expelled by his Lodge. In noticing his *expulsion* by the Lodge, I would not be understood as endorsing the doctrine that the right of expulsion lies in a subordinate Lodge, or is even shared by it in common with the Grand Lodge. The latter alone can expel. The former may declare such award of punishment, and although, in point of fact it will be recommendatory only, it will properly operate as a suspension until the case is disposed of by the Grand Lodge.

Complaint has been made to me also, against the course pursued by the members of Rose's Bar Lodge, No. 89, in reference to a rejected applicant for the mysteries of Masonry. I have been unable to obtain such positive testimony in relation to the matter as would justify me in more than alluding to it; and would therefore recommend that such documents as I have received, be referred to a committee of investigation. With that view I have caused the Master of the Lodge to be notified that its book of records would be required at the Grand Lodge for examination.

The next, and I am happy to be able to state, the last case which has demanded summary action on my part, is that of San Francisco Lodge, No. 7, the Charter of which I arrested. This I did in consequence of the want of harmony in that body, as evidenced on and subsequent to the trial of one of its members. It would afford me the most sincere pleasure to find that the disciplinary action necessarily had towards this Lodge has not been wholly lost upon its members, and that the discordant elements which have unhappily been at work in it, have become harmonized, so as to render advisable a restoration of its Charter. I could not otherwise recommend it.

Such documents as have come into my hands in reference to or connection with the foregoing cases, I have placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary, where they can be had upon application, for the use of the Grand Lodge or its committees. In sifting the evidence, and arriving at facts in matters of difference when brought before a large body for its consideration and action, and where an appeal, whether inconsiderate or designed, to the passions and prejudices of men might otherwise lead to hasty and immature action, the services of an intelligent and discriminating committee are invaluable, and can seldom with propriety be dispensed with. Especially is this the case in reference to a Masonic Body such as this, where such committees are not alone the facilitators of its speedy and impartial awards of justice, but the conservators of its dignity and the guardians of its peace and harmony. I would therefore recommend that the causes of complaint herein enumerated, be referred to appropriate committees for investigation, as has heretofore been the custom of this Grand Lodge; where they will doubtless receive every requisite and proper attention, and be put in the most advisable shape for calm and considerate action. There is no good and true Mason but will second the laudable endeavors of a committee to settle matters of difficulty quietly and peacefully, and without an appeal to the passions, either to defeat the ends of justice, or to secure the award of an unjust punishment; and such will be equally slow to avail themselves of any improper appliances to accomplish a similar purpose. I regret much the necessity which impelled me to summary action in the matters of difficulty to which I have directed your attention. It would have been far more agreeable to me to have passed them over until the meeting of the Grand Lodge, for its consideration rather than my own, could I have done so with propriety. But the maintenance of order and good government demanded summary action, and it was therefore had. It is far from being pleasant to me to direct the hand of retributive justice, when the blow is to fall on a brother's head, for I

am not among the number of those who would inflict a penalty for the sake of its punishment alone. But as a surgeon would cauterize a wound to heal it, or even sever a limb in his desire to save the body, so have I done, and so would I do again should occasion require it.

In view of the fact that difficulties have arisen, of a nature calculated to produce confusion, and even threaten the conservatism of the society, if not frowned down by every good and true Mason, I would raise the voice of warning against the impending danger, lest in its serpentine windings the slime of its influence should pollute our sanctuaries, and render them fit habitations for "every foul spirit." It is our bounden duty to guard against the approach of every improper influence, of whatever nature or character, or from whatever source it may spring. The conservatism of Masonry is necessary to its existence as well as to its usefulness, and is one of the controlling principles of that assimilating influence by the operation of which it moulds the good and the true of all nations and climes into a common brotherhood, on the broad basis of universal fraternity: and to subject it to the control of influences that would rob it of its distinctive character, and narrow down its affinities to the venal standard of interest or prejudice, or subject them to the sway of unhallowed passion, or unscrupulous aims, would be to tear the brightest gem from the crown of its glory, to destroy forever its usefulness, and to trail its dishonored banner in the dust.

I have already remarked that the general condition of the craft seems satisfactory, and indicates that prosperity which has usually characterized our jurisdiction. There have been numerous accessions to our ranks, both by affiliation and initiation; and the number of rejections would seem to indicate that due precaution has been exercised against the introduction of improper persons into our Lodges. I must confess, however, that it is far more gratifying to me to contemplate a lengthened list of affiliations, than one of degrees conferred. However gratifying it may be, and is, to receive numerous accessions to our ranks by initiation, from among those who are worthy and well qualified, it is far more gratifying to find brethren who have withdrawn from us, returning to the Lodge, to enter again upon the discharge of their duties, and afford practical evidence of the sincerity of the profession which they have taken upon themselves. I would rather hear of the affiliation of one worthy applicant, than of the initiation of a score of candidates. It argues better for the safety and well being of the institution. There was a time, it is said, when few except the good and true either sought for or gained admission into Masonic Lodges, for it was thought that such alone could find their affinities there. Masons were then comparatively few, and were generally known and distinguished for those qualifications which the teachings of the Order require on the part of all who apply for admission. They were not of those who sought admission into the Lodge to gain admission into society, through Masonic influence. They were not of those who would make merchandise of its benefits, by prostituting them to the purposes of individual emolument. They were not of those who would seek, through Masonic appliances, to re-invigorate a decaying reputation, and gain a prominence within the Lodge that was unattainable without; or worse still, to use its influences to gain prominence elsewhere. They were few, but "good men and true," and practiced in the new hemisphere the doctrines and teachings which they had inherited from their brethren of the old. But the day of an unwonted prosperity came; the spirit of innovation, whose slight tracings had been visible in the old world, found a more extended field of operations among the ardent spirits of the new. The honors of Masonry embraced a wider range than had been known to our ancient brethren, and in the pursuit of them, the principles and groundwork of Masonry were sometimes lost sight of by those who run past the substance, to grasp at a luminous shadow beyond. Masonry floated upon the tide of popular favor. Its fancied honors and distinctions were coveted and eagerly sought after, and were sometimes acquired by those who were not over scrupulous as to their use. The world saw that they were desirable, and the world rushed to the threshold of her temples, to knock for admission into their courts. The brethren were flattered by the numerous accessions to their ranks, and in contemplating the bright galaxy of stars that gleamed upon her horizon, lost sight of the ignis-fatuus creations of impure at-

mosphere which had been gathering around her altars. Lulled into a fancied security, the day of adversity came when least expected. The hand of the assassin was raised in the circle of her worshippers, and the torch of the incendiary prepared for the house of her habitation. The tide of popular fury was directed against her temples, and the mercenary crowd who had shouted hosannas to her name, rejoiced in contemplation of the smouldering ruins. But there were those who forsook her not in the hour of her trial, but stood by her fortunes until she emerged from the furnace of her persecutions. The fires of persecution had thinned her ranks, but they had left no mark upon the body of her principles. They remained pure and entire. Her ermine was unsullied, her honor untarnished. Time has flown rapidly since then. Its ever varying events have exhibited their countless changes, and the opinions of men in reference to Masonry have had their changes also. She has gained an unprecedented popularity with the masses. The admiring world is rushing to her altars. The just and the unjust, the false and the true, the man of good repute and him of doubtful fame, have been treading her courts together, and doubts are being engendered as to what will be the history of her future. How shall we avert the impending danger? How remedy the evil which an indiscriminate accession to our ranks is threatening to bring upon us? There is but one method, and that is to *do our duty*, mildly but firmly, and *without fear or favor*. If bad men, or men of doubtful repute, apply to us for a recommendation to the Lodge, let them be told that the Institution will not suit their habits or their tastes, and that they cannot expect to find enjoyment where they can find no affinities to lead to it. As well might Satan seek to find true enjoyment in Paradise, as for an unworthy man to seek for it in a pure and well governed Lodge. Be punctual in attendance upon the regular meetings of your Lodges, in order that no candidate may ever be balloted for without a white or black ball passing through your own hand; and reject the applicant without hesitation, if there is the remotest doubt as to his character and standing, or if he is deficient in one single qualification, be it what it may. We have the choice of the material of the world, and there is no excuse for working with that which is unfit, or even indifferent, when we have only to refuse to have anything to do with it to ensure a plentiful supply of the best. Unworthy men will apply far less frequently to our Lodges, when they learn that there are no associations within suited to their tastes, and that the probabilities are all in favor of the door being closed against them.

If your brother is acting unworthily, and refuses your friendly admonition, when given him in *the required manner*, it is your duty to report him to the Master of the Lodge, who will cause the necessary steps to be taken to punish his delinquency, and to prevent the Craft from being brought into disrepute. Masonry does not require perfection, for that is unattainable, but she does require that her votaries should be "*good men and true*," and "*of good report*;" otherwise the Lodge should enforce its discipline, and rid itself of their presence, and the society of their baneful influence. We must purify our ranks by ridding them of men of bad repute, or the fires of persecution will sooner or later burst forth again and purify them for us. We must guard with increased vigilance the doors of our Lodges against the admission of unworthy and unqualified men, and bear in mind that the security of Masonry, no less than the "price of liberty, is eternal vigilance."

Circumstances have transpired during the past year, which render it advisable that I should once more allude to the so called "Side Degrees" — those fungous attachments to Masonry, which have fastened to its body as if they were a part and parcel of its existence. Whether consisting of mere idle ceremonies, or really aiming at usefulness, they are equally inadmissible, either as Masonic tests, or as affording the means of recognition to those who cannot be made Masons. If used as Masonic tests, they are an accumulation on the body of Masonry, and consequently an innovation; and he who would thus use them would subject himself to discipline for so evident an impropriety. If really Masonic, as they are generally, though improperly called, he who would confer them upon a person who, agreeably to the laws of our society cannot be made a Mason, would deserve expulsion for so gross a violation of those laws. And if not Masonic, as

they most assuredly are not, he who confers them as such practices deception, and is guilty of deceiving the unwary and confiding. Viewed in either light, they are unworthy our consideration. There is a furor raging for new "*Degrees*" fresh from the manufactory of some innovator's brain, and generally as worthless as their ceremonies are ridiculous and absurd. These, and new societies are continually springing up, like mushrooms after an April shower, and some of them are of so scandalously exceptionable a character as to surprise one that a *Mason* who had been entangled in their meshes, should lead his unwearied brother to a participation in their ceremonies. And yet *Masons* have done so, and some are found to whom our ceremonies seemingly afford but little interest, and who complain of the length of the lecture, or slumber under its teachings, but are ever "wide awake" for the ceremonies of some "side degree," which they have been impatiently awaiting. These evils certainly require to be corrected, and the chief consideration in connection therewith, is the *manner* in which it may be done. I should doubt the policy of attempting to strip the body of *Masonry* of its parasitical appendages by legislative enactments, as it might be made to appear that we are going beyond the pale of our authority; for however plausible the legitimacy of their connection with *Masonry* may appear, it is wholly wanting in point of fact—they having no connection with the Order whatever, save the self-assumed one of being confined to *Masons* and certain of their female relatives.

The most effectual mode of getting rid of them is by the use of those appliances which will be best calculated to correct our errors generally, as they will almost all of them be found to spring either directly or remotely from the same or similar causes—one of which I will mention. It is the lack of information of a useful and valuable character, its absence being too frequently supplied by a surfeit of that which is worthless and deleterious. The remedy may be slow in its operation, as the field will have to be cleared as well as occupied; but it will be certain in its effect, and will do more towards restoring that healthy tone of feeling and sentiment which pervaded the Craft in the days of its old fashioned, honest simplicity, than all the legislation that can be conceived of, or attempted to be carried into effect. The law may make its exactions, and thunder forth its anathemas, but they will be of little avail if the standard of sentiment which pervades the Order, falls below the standard of its requirements. We must elevate the one if we would give efficiency to the other. To accomplish these things, we must place means of information of a useful and unexceptionable character within the reach of all, by the establishment of Lodge Libraries, filled with choice standard works; and by encouraging the dissemination of useful information among the brethren. We must strive to create a healthy tone of Masonic feeling and sentiment, by instilling into their minds a fondness for the legitimate teachings of *Masonry*, obedience to all its just requirements, and a distaste for the puerile ceremonies of its spurious appendages. We must exercise more discrimination in our choice of the material of which we make *Masons*, do less work, and see that it is better done. In short, we must use every proper means within our power, which may be calculated to improve both the head and the heart, and instill into the mind a love and reverence for the pure principles of the Order, and a desire to become thoroughly indoctrinated into their requirements. Let these things be done; let the rulers of the Craft, who should be the exemplars of the teachings and requirements of *Masonry*, commence the work of reformation in their Lodges, and show to the world that they are places where good and true men alone do congregate; and let it be known among the brethren that Lodges are not held solely for the purpose of conferring degrees and transacting business, but that due regard is to be had to the enlightening of the mind and the purifying of the morals; and our Lodges will become the favorite resort of men of intelligence and worth—the true light in *Masonry* will be coveted and sought after—the impure exhalations of the atmosphere which has gathered around her altars will be forever swept away—and men will be prompted by higher motives than a mere idle curiosity, when applying for the mysteries of the Order.

It may not be improper in this connection to notice the existence of another evil which requires correction, and in reference to which the foregoing remarks may not be wholly inapplicable, as the same corrective would doubtless operate

beneficially in this instance also. It is an inordinate desire for official station in the Lodge, and the almost rebellious dissatisfaction sometimes manifested by the defeated aspirant, when he finds that his brethren have placed a lower estimate upon his qualifications than he had himself. This unfortunate disposition on the part of some of our brethren who have not yet learned the art of self-government, that first and most essential requisite to the proper government of others, has jeopardised the peace and harmony, and created confusion in the ranks of more Lodges than almost any other one cause. I will forbear further remarks in reference to it, however, in the hope that this brief notice may lead to its correction, and prevent both an exposure of weakness and a dereliction of duty. Before dismissing this portion of my subject, I feel it to be incumbent upon me to remind the brethren of the Lodges how important it is that they should exercise great precaution in the selection of their officers. The laws of Masonry require that the members of a Lodge should be unexceptionable men; and the well-being of the institution requires in addition thereto, that those who fill official stations in it, should be men of sufficient attainments to enable them to discharge efficiently all those duties which may, in any emergency, devolve upon them. They moreover, form a sort of index to the character and standing of the members, which will be judged of, and very properly, by that of their officers. For where you find the latter deficient in those general qualifications which should characterize the good man as well as the good Mason, you will seldom fail to find a want of moral tone among the members of the Lodge. True, this may not always be the case, as a bad man may sometimes manage to become even the Master of a good Lodge, by concealing his unworthiness until the object of his ambition has been attained, and some accidental circumstance has chanced to develop his true character. There is no apology, however, where the reputation of the individual is already and unfavorably known. If the brethren will select their officers, and more especially their Master, from among men whose character and standing in the community where he resides is exceptional, or even doubtful in reference to the positive requirement of society and good government, it may be set down as a certain index to the character of the Lodge, where similar or equal deficiencies will be found among the members. "A good tree bringeth not forth bad fruit."

I know of no more proper time or place than this, to drop a word of admonition in reference to the conduct of Masons towards each other, as well as to the acknowledged teachings and requirements of the Order. It may seem strange that Masons should ever make use of abusive epithets, or other improper language towards one another, and yet I have known it done. It may seem strange that Masons should deal unjustly with one another, and yet complaint has often been made. It would seem strange that Masons should be found pursuing a line of conduct in contravention of the laws of the land, and calculated to bring reproach upon the Craft, and yet it is said that such is sometimes the case. It would seem strange that Masons should be found reveling in riot and excess, and yet they are seen. But strangest of all would it seem, that Masons should ever be found profane, to that degree of excess that would make a novice in impiety blush, and yet I have heard that august name, at mention of which, archangels bow their heads and the powers of darkness are seized with fear and trembling, used as a common by-word! and often spoken irreverently by those who are expected to set a better example, and whose almost only fault is sometimes this.

I am far from offering these observations as indices to the general character of the fraternity of this jurisdiction, as I believe it will probably compare favorably with that of almost any other; but they are mentioned as existing instances of moral dereliction, which have only to be sought for to be seen, originating in the past, and whether attributable to the lax state of morals once existing here, or to our carelessness in the choice of the material of which Masons are made, or what is more probable, to both causes combined, it matters not, as the evils complained of, although yielding to better influences, are not yet wholly corrected. We should not sit down supinely, and await the operation of the public sentiment to correct our errors for us, but should endeavor to create in our own ranks a

healthy tone of sentiment where wanting, to add strength to it where already existing, and, when under the control of improper influences, to correct it so far as may be within our power. We may not excuse ourselves from the task of reformation upon the plea that our influence is too small to be felt. Who is there without influence? And who cannot accomplish good if he will try? As the smallest rain-drop which falls into the ocean and is lost in its immensity, forms an integral part of its mighty waters, so the slightest emanation of the mind, when directed in its proper channel, enters as a controlling influence into the mighty mass of intelligence which directs the counsels of Masons, and sways the destinies of the world; and it is even so with the efforts of the most humble individual, when properly directed in aid of reformation. They add to the upheaving elements of public sentiment, and swell its gathering strength, until there is no resisting the potency of its workings, no withstanding the sweeping influences of its vast accumulated power. Then say not that your influence is too small to be felt. Unite it with that of others, and it must and will be felt, for "in union there is strength."

I have issued Dispensations for eleven new Lodges during the past year, a list of which is herewith submitted. We now number one hundred and eleven working Lodges, with an aggregate membership of about five thousand. I have declined issuing Dispensations on several occasions, and for several purposes, where, in my opinion, it was inexpedient or improper to do so. But with all the precautions which I have endeavored to use, I am apprehensive that I have transcended my authority by granting Dispensations to re-ballot for rejected applicants for initiation under any circumstances whatever. I have authorized such re-ballots to be taken, where the reasons assigned by the Lodge for requesting a Dispensation for such purpose appeared to be good and sufficient—contenting myself with the use of such precautionary measures as were best calculated to prevent imposition, and ensure a thorough compliance with all the regulations of the Grand Lodge. I am satisfied now, however, that in following the example set me by the Grand Lodge, I have erred, and that neither it nor the Grand Master should interfere with the ballot of a Lodge where it has been properly taken. The evils likely to result from the opportunity thus afforded an unscrupulous member to ferret out a ballot, and by browbeating, or by the use of other unmasonic appliances, to defeat the independent and untrammelled action of the members, would more than counterbalance any good likely to result from the use of such a privilege.

I would suggest an alteration in Standing Resolution No. 49, so as to require a member who objects to a visiting brother's entering the Lodge, to state the grounds of his objection to the Master, and leave it to his discretion whether or not the objection be valid. The extraordinary privilege conferred by that Resolution, has, to my certain knowledge, been grossly abused, and should by all means be restricted.

The *vouching* for visitors is a matter of so much importance, and often so carelessly done, as to require a remedy. I would therefore suggest to the Masters of Lodges the propriety of not admitting visitors until the opening ceremonies are concluded, and the minutes of the preceding meeting properly disposed of. Where there are usually a number of visitors, as is generally the case in cities and populous neighborhoods, the necessity of greater precaution than is sometimes used, will naturally suggest itself. The practice of vouching for visitors promiscuously, and just at the moment of opening the Lodge, as is too frequently done, is liable to much abuse, and I know of no better method for its careful and proper exercise than the one above suggested.

I believe it is generally conceded that ballotings should be had at regular meetings only. And where a Dispensation is granted to ballot at a special meeting, under circumstances which would justify and render expedient such procedure, every member of the Lodge should be duly notified of the time when it is to be taken, that no opportunity may be afforded of foisting upon the Fraternity an improper person. Were the Lodge entirely free from misguided, not to say unscrupulous men, who are sometimes found willing to injure a Lodge other than their own, through envy, private pique, jealousy, or ill will towards either

the Lodge or some member belonging to it, I should think that all Masons present at a balloting, whether members of the Lodge or not, should be entitled to vote, as it would be a matter in which the entire Fraternity was interested. But experience has taught us that the rule would probably not work well now; for when Masons are found who are willing to visit their displeasure against a Lodge, upon the head of a visiting brother hailing from it, and against whom they have no ground of complaint whatever, save that he is a member of that particular Lodge, we may well question the expediency of permitting men governed by such influences to have a right to ballot in any Lodge except their own. As many members of the Lodge may reasonably be supposed to ballot in accordance with the report of the investigating committee, it behooves those committees to exercise great precaution in their reports, lest their remissness should lead the brethren astray, and be the cause of their voting in favor of the admission of applicants, who would have been rejected had their character and qualifications been properly looked into, and a report made in accordance therewith. I have heard it said, that we have brethren among us who never resort to the use of the rejecting ballot under any circumstances whatever. For their own credit, as well as for the credit of the Institution, I should hope it were otherwise; and I can only regret the possibility of similar sentiments having been entertained by others at the time of their admission. Where a ballot is taken separately for each degree, it should, I think, always be unanimous, and the rejection *ought* to be on the score of a want of suitable proficiency or some requisite qualification, not known at the time of the candidate's admission; and not for unmasonic conduct afterwards, because in that event the objecting brother ought to make known his objections, that the Master of the Lodge might order charges to be preferred, and afford an opportunity of disproving them, if groundless. If upon investigation, they should prove to be false and malicious, the defamer, if a Mason, would deserve and should receive an award of punishment equal to that which would have been bestowed upon the accused had he been found guilty. A brother should not, in my opinion, however, be questioned as to his motives for rejecting an applicant for advancement, should he choose not to reveal them, as, in the absence of a knowledge to the contrary, the presumption would be that they were of a proper character.

It would seem to me that where no lawful disqualification has been made known, a renewal of an application for advancement might be left to the discretion of the Lodge, as circumstances might develop themselves which would render a re-ballot admissible at an earlier day than might be advisable where the rejection was for the first degree. In such event the renewal of the application should be made at a regular meeting only, and should lie over until another regular meeting before being acted upon.

The requirements of the old ritual would seem to indicate that only one candidate at a time can, with propriety, be initiated, passed, or raised; and this forms the basis for the requirements of this jurisdiction. I have thought it advisable to allude to this, lest an infringement of the rule elsewhere might lead to a similar one here.

In my Address of last year I argued against that provision of the old charges which required that a Master of a Lodge should previously have served as a Warden. I am apprehensive that in doing so I have in some degree favored that tendency to innovation which has become one of the crying evils of our time, and which has been more apparent to me since those remarks were penned. I shall therefore frankly acknowledge the error which I then fell into in my strong desire to ensure proficiency in the presiding officers of our Lodges; and by abandoning the position then assumed, yield my reasoning to the force of facts, as "No Brother can be a Warden until he has passed the part of a Fellow-Craft, nor a Master until he has acted as a Warden."

In my first Address to the Grand Lodge, in 1855, in reference to citizens of California made Masons while sojourning in other jurisdictions, without the consent of the Lodge nearest their place of residence, and also in reference to the Grand Lodge of Hamburg relative to its invasion of the jurisdictional rights of the Grand Lodge of New York, I recommended such action as was afterward had by the passage of prohibitory resolutions, to a certain extent, in reference to both, though in the former instance of a rather more stringent

character than I had in contemplation when I penned my recommendation. We were then smarting under wrongs through Californians having been made Masons while abroad, against our oft repeated remonstrances, and I am apprehensive that we have been rather too stringent in the character of the resolutions referred to ; and I would therefore suggest such a modification as would render them of a less exceptionable character, without abandoning our right of self-protection against the infliction of a wrong. In the former instance I should think it sufficient that the citizen made a Mason while abroad, as alluded to, should not be permitted to visit any of our Lodges until he had affiliated with the one nearest his place of residence, and paid into its treasury such additional fee as would amount in all to the same that the degrees would have cost him had he received them here ; and in the latter that our fraternal correspondence with the Grand Lodge of Hamburg be discontinued until its interference with the jurisdictional rights of the Grand Lodge of New York be withdrawn. This would seem to me to be sufficiently prohibitory, and would do away with the objections which might be urged against some of the requirements of those resolutions.

As regards our own Lodges, their interference with one another's jurisdictional rights, should, I think, subject them to disciplinary action on the part of the Grand Lodge, or the Grand Master. In defining those rights, however, I think that some regard should be had to convenience of access, and other facilities of a like nature, as well as to geographical limits. This might properly be left to the discretion of the Grand Master, during the interim of the Grand Lodge, who, where the matter of convenience was worthy of consideration, would give it the requisite attention.

I have had occasion to observe that our Grand Lodge has not always exercised due discrimination in ordering Charters for new Lodges, and has sometimes granted them where it appears to me that it would have been better to have required another year's probation. I should think it improper as well as impolitic, to hurry a Lodge to maturity with the evidences before us of its probationary state not having been such as to render advisable such a procedure. In this connection, I would remark in reference to Lodges under Dispensation, that I agree with the Grand Lodge that they are but "temporary and inchoate bodies, and not entitled to representation in the Grand Lodge, and those who work them do not forfeit their membership thereby in any other Lodge, while it so continues" ; but I do not believe in the propriety or correctness of the principle of *suspending* their membership in the chartered Lodges of which they may be members, because they have voluntarily assumed responsibilities elsewhere. I think it an injudicious interference with the lawfully incurred responsibility of the individual, as well as with the local regulations of his Lodge. I would rather let him enjoy his privileges and pay his dues, and if he sees proper to contribute of his means to the support of a new Lodge in addition thereto, let him do so—it is his own affair and should, I think, be left to his own will. It seems to me that where we can do so with propriety, we should encourage voluntary contributions to the treasuries of our Lodges, which are drawn upon so freely for charitable purposes, rather than to pursue a course which would have a tendency to lessen them.

Under the authority of a resolution of the Grand Lodge, authorizing the appointment of a Representative near the Grand Lodge of New York, I appointed as our Representative there the R. W. Brother JAMES W. POWELL, Past Grand Secretary of that Grand Lodge. I have received a communication from that worthy and estimable Brother accepting the appointment, which will doubtless be a source of gratification to the brethren of California, to whom his name is familiarly and favorably known.

In compliance with the direction of the Grand Lodge, I again assembled the Committee on Work at Sacramento in July last, for the purpose of making such further revisions in the work and lectures as might seem necessary and proper to arrive at correctness, and establish uniformity. The result of that meeting will necessarily be given verbally, and will be made known at such time as may suit the wishes and convenience of the Grand Lodge. I did not appoint a Grand Lecturer during the past year, as I knew of no suitable person who could accept the appointment, for the purpose of discharging its duties, and I did not deem it advisable to make a mere nominal one. To supply the de

iciency however, I visited as many Lodges as I possibly could in person, numbering near forty in all, and embracing all those in the northern portion of the State, from Marysville to the Oregon line. As I had a very good insight into the condition of those Lodges, and worked or lectured in nearly or quite all of them, I am very well prepared to speak in relation to them, and feel truly gratified that I can do so favorably. It is a source of pleasure also to avail myself of the only favorable opportunity afforded me to acknowledge the cordial welcome which awaited me every where, and the kind attentions bestowed upon me by the officers and members of the Lodges wherever I went. They can never be forgotten.

My tour north encouraged me as to the practicability of introducing uniformity of work. I found the brethren everywhere anxious to be taught the ancient ritual, and only awaiting a suitable opportunity to learn it. My own experience and observation suggests to me that if the ancient ritual is adhered to, and the proper course pursued in teaching it, uniformity of work can be introduced into this jurisdiction, and perhaps at no distant day. It should be recommendatory, however, and no attempt should be made to force it upon the Lodges, as experience shows that men cannot be legislated out of their opinions in reference to it, however willing they may otherwise be to be guided by the dictates of reason and common sense. During my absence I had occasion to pass through the southern portion of Oregon, and was detained a short time at Jacksonville. I should feel that I had not done my duty were I to omit acknowledging the generous hospitality of the warm hearted Masons of Oregon. A subsequent visit to the interior of that Territory, where I spent several days very pleasantly with the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. A. M. BELT, and other distinguished brethren of that jurisdiction, will, I am sure, render appropriate this further acknowledgment of the hospitalities of our Oregon brethren.

I would direct the attention of the Grand Lodge to several communications on file in the Grand Secretary's office, in reference to Hawaiian Lodge No. 21. and the organization styling itself "*Le Progrès de l'Océanie*." However desirable it may be, and is, that amicable relations should be restored between the members of the regular Lodge and those of the irregular association referred to, it can not be done at the sacrifice of correctness; and therefore the interdiction of Masonic intercourse between them must of necessity continue until "*Le Progrès de l'Océanie*" can show that it is working under lawful Masonic authority. I would ask the attention of the Grand Lodge also to the peculiar position of Hawaiian Lodge, owing to its remote and isolated situation, the cosmopolitan character of most of its applicants for initiation, and the continual drain upon its treasury for charitable purposes. These unavoidable exigencies demand at our hands the most liberal course of policy, and, I may add, even latitudinarian exercise of privileges that a generous liberality can suggest, and the general requirements of the Order admit of.

I would avail myself of this method of directing the attention of Masters of Lodges to the requirements of Masonry, as well as to those of this Grand Lodge, in reference to the proficiency of candidates previous to their advancement. The Ancient Charges place great stress upon such proficiency. The Grand Lodge of England, in order to ensure it as far as practicable, found it necessary to require a probation of four weeks, and an examination in open Lodge in the preceding degree. The latter regulation is in vogue here, and with a manifest beneficial tendency. To add the former to it would only be to increase the probabilities of a due proficiency so far as regards the ritual; and if the probation were even lengthened, and an opportunity afforded the candidate of receiving suitable instruction relative to the moral requirements of Masonry as well as to its ritual, it would be far better both for him and for the Lodge—would confer upon him lasting benefits—and would add strength and stability to the Institution. The Grand Lodge had in view the proficiency of the candidate when it provided that an examination in open Lodge should be had previous to advancement; and the evasion of the manifest intent of the resolution referred to, by a partial and imperfect examination, is altogether improper. The candidate should be placed near the centre of the room, and facing the Master, by whom he should be examined; and every question asked

and answer given should be in a clear and distinct tone of voice, so as to be heard by every member of the Lodge; and if there be an evident want of proficiency, (which an examination was surely never intended to *supply*) why, *let him wait until he has acquired it*, and both himself and the Lodge will be benefitted thereby. The requirements of the Grand Lodge should not be evaded for the sake of convenience, or for any other cause.

It affords me pleasure to inform the Grand Lodge that a short time previous to its last Annual Communication a "Masonic Board of Relief" was formed by the Lodges of San Francisco, for the purpose of enabling them to dispense more equitably their charities, and also to guard against imposition on the part of improper applicants. This highly creditable organization deserves the warmest gratitude of the entire fraternity of the State, for the many benefits which it has already conferred upon the numerous applicants who have been relieved through its instrumentality. The Board has, at my suggestion, ordered a report of its proceedings to be presented to the Grand Lodge for its inspection, and I flatter myself that it will be found every way worthy its commendation. I would take occasion here to recommend to country Lodges, when they have furnished Masons with means to send them home, to report the same forthwith to the Secretary of that Board, together with the name and residence of the applicant, the name, number and locality of his Lodge, the amount of relief furnished, and any other information deemed necessary and proper to enable it to guard against imposition.

It is but proper that I should take occasion here to allude to the able and efficient manner in which the Grand Secretary has discharged the duties appertaining to his office during the past year, as will be seen by reference to his books, and the neat and orderly arrangement of every thing connected therewith. It seems to me that the salary of the Grand Secretary is scarcely adequate to the vast amount of labor performed by him, and that it would probably be better that he should not be dependent upon a contingency in part, for his remuneration for services rendered; but instead thereof should receive a fixed salary, sufficiently remunerative, and be allowed no perquisites of office.

In conformity to the wishes of many enlightened Brethren of this jurisdiction, I had intended giving a synopsis of my decisions, in reference to questions of law or usage which have arisen during my terms of service as Grand Master. Upon examination, however, I find that they have embraced so wide a range in the field of Masonic Jurisprudence as to render it advisable that they should not be crowded into this address, and I have therefore concluded to give them, or rather a substitute for them, in a separate form. The substitute to which I allude is a synopsis of my own views relative to Masonic Law and usage, and which I have been prompted to give for the following reasons:—I find them to accord generally with those expressed by the old established authorities, and therefore feel the less hesitation in offering them; and as my decisions have been more in accordance with the requirements of the Grand Lodge, and the generally prevailing sentiment relative thereto, than strictly with my own views, I thought it better to endeavor to correct existing errors than to aid, however remotely, in perpetuating them; and as some of the views set forth in the synopsis alluded to are not in strict accordance with those heretofore prevalent in this Grand Lodge, and as its publication would moreover tend to swell the volume of its proceedings, I would suggest that they be not encumbered with it for the present, but that the matter of its publication be left to my own discretion at some future day, and through some other channel of communication. In the mean time however, it will afford me pleasure to submit it to the Grand Lodge for the use of its committees, so far as may be found desirable. Several matters which I should have deemed it advisable to call attention to, through this channel of communication have been omitted here, in order that they might more appropriately appear in the synopsis alluded to.

I have been favored with a treatise on Masonic Jurisprudence, from the pen of Bro. ROBERT MORRIS, of Kentucky. I regret that, owing to the length of the treatise, and the little time allotted me outside the discharge of my official duties, I have been unable to examine it with that care which would be necessary to en-

able me to express an opinion as to the correctness of the views therein presented. But from the cursory glance which I have given its contents, I find that it has been gotten up with great care, contains a vast amount of useful information, and will doubtless prove a valuable acquisition to any Masonic Library. The more brief treatise from the pen of Bro. A. G. MACKAY, of South Carolina, "on the Constitutional Laws, Usages and Land Marks of Free Masonry," I have thoroughly examined, and could wish it in the hands of every Mason in the jurisdiction. While on this subject, I will take occasion to recommend again as a Text-Book, the "New Masonic Trestle Board," by Bro. CHARLES W. MOORE, of Boston, Mass.; and in directing the attention of the brethren to the Masonic periodicals of the day, as sources of much valuable information, I may be excused for alluding particularly to "The Free Masons' Monthly Magazine" of Boston, as it was one of my earliest sources of Masonic information, and has never aided me in the formation of an incorrect opinion that I am aware of, or otherwise impaired my confidence in the Masonic ability of its distinguished editor. With such sources of information, together with the "Masonic Review" of Cincinnati, and various other vehicles of Masonic intelligence, there is every opportunity afforded the brother who will read and reflect, to become an enlightened and useful Mason. In searching for light, however, we should not overlook the old standard authors, or that "*Great light in Masonry*" which should be both the Alpha and the Omega of every Mason's education.

I have offered for your consideration, brethren, such matters of interest as in my opinion are worthy your attention. There may be, and doubtless are, other matters which will present themselves to your minds, for the omission of which, in part, I must crave your indulgence, and offer as an apology the hurried manner in which this address has necessarily been written. An experience of three consecutive years, in the discharge of the arduous duties which have been assigned me, has taught me that I can unhesitatingly throw myself upon the kind indulgence of the Craft in California, for any errors which I may have committed in my official capacity. The distinguished honors which you have conferred upon me have been highly prized, because they have been the unsought free-will offerings of men whose good opinions were worthy of consideration; but they have been worn with almost fear and trembling, lest the recompense of service which I could offer you in return, should fall so far short of what I felt to be due the Craft, as to shame me with the poverty of the offering. I must therefore beg your kind indulgence, and if I have erred or fallen short of your expectations, I would ask that the broad mantle of charity be cast over my imperfections. Language fails me on retiring, to suitably express the many obligations which I am under to the Fraternity of California, not alone for the high position which has thrice been conferred upon me, but for those countless exhibitions of kindness and affection which have been showered along my pathway, and which, like flowers of Paradise, have instilled their fragrance into my heart. They have rendered my arduous duties even a source of pleasure. Brethren, I can only reiterate my thanks, and assure you that the remembrance of your kindness will be ever present with me, and will shed a halo of light around the pathway of my future.

W. H. HOWARD.

A LIST OF DISPENSATIONS

TO OPEN AND HOLD NEW LODGES, ISSUED BY THE GRAND MASTER,
SINCE THE CLOSE OF THE LAST COMMUNICATION.

1856.—May 15....	Mount Jefferson,.....	Garrote.....	Tuolumne County.
July 2....	Owen,.....	Johnson's Bar,.....	Siskiyou "
" 15....	Dibble.....	Alpha,.....	Nevada "
Oct. 28....	Pajaro,.....	Watsonville,.....	Santa Cruz, "
Dec. 31....	Chico,.....	Chico,.....	Butte "
1857.—Jan. 13....	Summit,.....	Knight's Ferry,.....	San Joaquin "
Feb. 7....	Eden,.....	San Leandro,.....	Alameda "
" 11....	Mount Zion,.....	Grizzly Flat,.....	El Dorado "
" 12....	Saint Mark's,.....	Fiddletown,.....	Amador "
" 14....	Folsom,.....	Folsom,.....	Sacramento "
April 7....	Windsor,.....	Windsor,.....	Sierra "

On motion of Bro. J. J. AMES, the Address of the Grand Master was referred to a Special Committee of five.

The Deputy Grand Master named the following brethren as such special Committee —

<i>On the Grand Masters' Address,.....</i>	{	Bro. John F. Morse, " Charles Marsh, " E. S. Ruggles, " J. W. Claiborne, " J. C. Burch.
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On motion of Bro. R. F. KNOTT, the By-Law requiring the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer to be presented on the first day of the Communication, was suspended, in consequence of the lateness of the hour.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

In Grand Lodge.

MORNING SESSION,
Wednesday, May 13th, A. L. 5854. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 10 o'clock, A. M., the Grand Master presiding.

After prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the minutes of the sessions of yesterday were read and approved.

Bro. A. MARTIN, from the Committee on Credentials reported the following additional members as present and entitled to seats, viz. : from

*San Francisco, No. 7,.....*THOMAS CALLAN, Senior Warden.

*Occidental,.....No. 22,.....*H. A. WEBB, P. M. and proxy for W. M. & J. W.

*Golden Gate,...No. 30,.....*GEO. J. HOBE, Past Master.

*Santa Cruz,.....No. 38,.....*J. F. J. BENNETT, Senior Warden.

*Hiram, ...No. 43,.....*C. P. JACKSON, proxy for Junior Warden.

*Illinoistown,...No. 51,.....*WM. M. STEWART, Senior Warden.

*Suisun,.....No. 55,.....*F. L. JACKSON, proxy for Worshipful Master.

*Union,.....No. 58,.....*J. H. RALSTON, Past Master.

<i>On By-Laws</i> :	{	Bro. H. F. Williams,
		“ J. M. Havens,
		“ J. K. Smith,
		“ S. F. Benjamin,
<i>On Returns</i> :	{	“ E. W. Potter.
		Bro. L. C. Owen,
		“ J. B. Hewson,
		“ A. McNeill,
		“ A. Hanna,
		“ J. B. Buker.

Bro. J. F. MORSE, from the committee to whom was referred the Grand Master's Address, presented the following report :—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California :—

Your committee to whom was referred the Address of the *M. W.* Grand Master, submit the following report :—

We recommend that so much of said Address as refers to the Masters of *San Joaquin* and *Morning Star* Lodges ; to the suspension and expulsion of the Master of *Caymus* Lodge ; and to the proceedings of *Rose's Bar* Lodge in relation to the rejection of an applicant for the degrees of Masonry ;—be referred to the Committee on Grievances :—

That so much as refers to the existing difficulties in *San Francisco* Lodge, No. 7, be referred to a Special Committee of five :—

That so much as refers to the subject of “side degrees” be referred to a Special Committee of three :—

That so much as relates to the necessary qualifications of Masters of Lodges ; to the suggested modification of the prohibitory resolutions having reference to the making of Masons of citizens of this State while without the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge ; to the respective jurisdictions of subordinate Lodges ; and to the difficulties existing between *Hawaiian* Lodge and the Lodge “*Le Progrès de L'Océanie*” — be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence :—

That so much as refers to the memorial of *Hawaiian* Lodge, concerning a remission of its dues ; to the salary of the Grand Secretary ; and to the *San Francisco* Board of Relief :— be referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

Your committee would further recommend to the special attention of the Fraternity at large those admonitory and commendable suggestions of Masonic duty with which the Address is so replete.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN F. MORSE,	} Committee.
CHAS. MARSH,	
E. S. RUGGLES,	
JAMES W. CLAIBORNE,	
JOHN C. BURCH,	

Which report was received.

Bro. J. J. PAPY moved that so much of the report as relates to *San Francisco* Lodge No. 7, be recommitted to the committee ; which motion did not prevail, and the report of the committee was then concurred in.

The Grand Master named the following brethren as the Special Committee —

<i>On the affairs of San Francisco Lodge</i> :	{	Chas. Marsh,
		E. Bogardus,
		T. M. Reed,
		E. S. Ruggles,
		Geo. Johnston.

The Grand Secretary presented his Annual Report, as follows :—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California :—

The undersigned again presents the Annual Report required by the Constitution from the Grand Secretary.

Immediately after the close of the last Communication, he officially informed Bros. L. J. CZAPKAY, JESSE MORRILL, and A. HAAS, of the action of the Grand Lodge by which they were severally restored to the rights and privileges of Masonry; and, in accordance with the instructions given, addressed a letter to the Grand Lodge of Germany, in reply to the communication thence received the preceding year. Both papers are herewith submitted. Letters were also transmitted to the former Master of *Pacific* Lodge, at Valparaiso, Chile, and to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, enclosing the resolutions adopted at the last session in relation to that Lodge, formerly under this jurisdiction; and the order of the Grand Lodge, directing the return of fifty-six dollars to the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, has been complied with, as will be seen by the acknowledgement of its receipt contained in a letter from Past Grand Master Edward Stewart, herewith presented. In compliance with the resolution passed last year, parchment has been procured from New York, and one hundred blank Charters have been prepared, which are now offered for inspection. The various Grand Secretaries in the United States have again been requested to furnish us with the back publications of their transactions, and a considerable number have been received in addition to those reported at the last Communication, which have been bound and placed in the library. A complete edition of the "Masonic Review," by Bro. C. Moore, of Cincinnati, comprising fifteen volumes, has also been received.

Fifteen hundred copies of the proceedings at your last meeting were printed and distributed as usual, with the exception of five hundred reserved for binding, and those required for use at your present session; and the undersigned having on his own account completed the republication of the transactions of this Grand Lodge from its organization to and including the year 1854, again urges upon your attention the propriety and utility of having those of 1855 and 1856, now on hand, bound in a similar manner, and sold to the Lodges and Masons in the State at such price as shall cover the cost of their printing and binding. There are now on hand five hundred or more copies of each of those two years, which together would make a volume of some four hundred and fifty pages, equaling in size that already published; and as all the Lodges can now be supplied with the complete proceedings to 1854, it is recommended, not only that those of 1855 and 1856 be thus prepared, but that hereafter a similar number of copies be laid aside each year to be bound as often as a volume of suitable size shall have been completed. Not only can the existing Lodges then be furnished with a complete history of the Masonic transactions of this State, but each new Lodge hereafter created, can at once be provided with them all, at a price which shall remunerate the Grand Lodge for the disbursement necessary to accomplish this useful project.

The books, papers and correspondence of the Grand Secretary are herewith presented, together with an account of the receipts during the year, and of the balances in favor of and against certain Lodges on the fourth day of March last, as follows :—

The Grand Secretary in account with the Grand Lodge of California, for the year from March 4, A. L. 5856, to March 4, A. L. 5857.

1856.	For receipts during the year, as follows :—	Dr.
May 10,	From sundry Lodges, from March 4, 1856, to this date, as reported at the last Communication,.....	\$ 6194 23
" 12,	" <i>Fount,</i> — Lodge, No. 12, dues in full to 4th March, 1856,	27 00
" " "	" <i>Amador,</i> " " 65, " " " " " "	58 50
" " "	" <i>Rising Star,</i> " " 83, fee for Charter,.....	50 00
" 13,	" <i>Iowa Hill,</i> " " 63, on acc't dues to 4th March, 1856,	49 00

Amount carried forward,..... \$6378 75

Amount brought forward,.....					\$6378 75
May 13.	From	Howard,	Lodge, No. 96, Ch'r fee and dues to May 1, '56,	70 00	
" "	"	Vesper,	" " 84, " " " " " "	84 50	
" "	"	Lexington,	" " 104, " " " " " "	99 50	
" "	"	Mt. Jefferson,	" U. D., fee for Dispensation,.....	75 00	
" "	"	Bear Mountain,	" No. 76, balance of dues to Mar. 4, 1856,	4 00	
" 14,	"	Volcano,	" " 56, on acc't, " " " "	31 00	
" 23,	"	Michigan City,	" " 47, balance of " " " "	6 50	
" 24,	"	St. John's,	" " 37, " " " " " "	15 50	
" 30,	"	Tehama,	" " 3, dues in full to " " "	101 00	
June 5,	"	Jefferson.	" " 97, " " " May 1, " "	40 50	
" 28,	"	Texas,	" " 46, " " " Mar. 4, " "	45 00	
July 2,	"	Owen,	" U. D., fee for Dispensation,.....	75 00	
" 15,	"	Dibble,	" " " " " " " "	75 00	
Aug. 1,	"	Iowa Hill,	" No. 63, bal. of dues to Mar. 4, 1856,....	11 00	
" 2,	"	Temple,	" " 14, " " " " " "	11 50	
" 13,	"	St. Louis,	" " 86, " " " May 1. " "	31 50	
" 29,	"	Enterprise,	" " 70, " " " Mar. 4, " "	3 00	
Sept. 22,	"	Western Star.	" " 2, " " " " " "	6 50	
Oct. 16,	"	Siskiyou,	" " 105, " " " May 1, " "	14 50	
" 28,	"	Pajaro,	" U. D., fee for Dispensation,.....	75 00	
Nov. 24,	"	San Joaquin,	" No. 19, balance of dues to Mar. 4, 1856,	2 50	
" 29,	"	Trinity,	" " 27, " " " " " "	4 00	
Dec. 2,	"	Volcano,	" " 56, " " " " " "	50 50	
" 31,	"	Chico,	" U. D., fee for Dispensation,.....	75 00	
1857.					
Jan. 3,	"	Ophir,	" No. 33, balance of dues to Mar 4, 1856,	2 50	
" 13,	"	Summit,	" U. D., fee for Dispensation,.....	75 00	
" "	"	Clay,	" No.101, bal.Char.fee & dues to M'y 1, '56	20 00	
Feb. 7,	"	Eden,	" U. D., fee for Dispensation,.....	75 00	
" 11,	"	Mt. Zion,	" " " " " " " "	75 00	
" 12,	"	St. Marks,	" " " " " " " "	75 00	
" "	"	Mountain Forest	" No. 75, balance of dues to Mar 4, 1856,	2 25	
" 14,	"	Folsom,	" U. D., fee for Dispensation,.....	75 00	
Mar. 4,	"	Grand Lodge fees for 97 Diplomas issued, 22 of which were not charged for, being for families of deceased Brethren, or in lieu of old ones issued heretofore — 75 at \$1 each,....			75 00
Total receipts during the year,.....					\$7861 00

1856.

Cr.

May 10, By cash paid Grand Treasurer, as reported this date,..... \$6,194 25

Nov 1, By cash paid Grand Treasurer as per receipt,.... 900 00

1857.

Mar. 4, By cash paid Grand Treasurer as per receipt,..... 766 75

\$7,861 00

RECAPITULATION.

Received for back dues of 1855,.....	192 00
" " Dispensations issued,.....	900 00
" " Charters granted,.....	1200 00
" " Diplomas issued,.....	106 00
" " Dues of 1856,.....	5,463 00
\$7,861 00	

Statement of balances to debit and credit of Lodges, on the books of the Grand Secretary, March 4th. A. L. 5857.

			Dr.	Cr.
Nevada	Lodge.	No. 13.....	—	\$1 00
Fireka	"	" 16.....	\$23 00	—
Parfaite Union	"	" 17.....	50 50	—
Washington	"	" 20.....	127 50	—
Gold Hill	"	" 32.....	51 00	—
Santa Clara	"	" 34.....	7 00	—
Butte	"	" 36.....	—	1 50
Santa Cruz	"	" 38.....	—	8 00
Los Angeles	"	" 42.....	2 00	—
Hiram	"	" 43.....	4 00	—
Illinoistown	"	" 51.....	—	2 00
Santa Rosa	"	" 57.....	65 00	—
Natoma	"	" 64.....	—	7 50
Nebraska	"	" 71.....	4 50	—
Wisconsin Hill	"	" 74.....	—	2 25
Petaluma	"	" 77.....	83 00	—
Calaveras	"	" 78.....	—	1 50
Humboldt	"	" 79.....	—	1 00
Mountain	"	" 82.....	81 50	—
Quartzburg	"	" 98.....	—	15 50
La Grange	"	" 99.....	74 00	—
Manzanita	"	" 102.....	3 00	—
Oroville.	"	" 103.....	2 00	—
			\$578 00	\$40 25

It will be seen that the accounts are made only to the fourth day of March, that being the day fixed by our regulations for the returns to be made and dues paid for the current year, and it having been thought proper to keep each year's accounts thus distinct. Before the close of the Communication, a further report will be made of the receipts since the day above named, as was done at the last annual meeting, though they will appear at the next session in the accounts of the present year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALEX. G. ABELL, *Grand Secretary.*

Which report was received, and with the accompanying books and papers, was referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

The Grand Treasurer presented his Annual Report, as follows:—

The Grand Treasurer in account with the Grand Lodge of California for the fiscal year ending March 4th. A. L. 5857.

1856.	RECEIPTS.	DR.
May 1.	Balance in treasury per last account.....	\$479 32
" 7.	Cash received from Alex. G. Abell, Grand Secretary.....	1350 00
" 10.	" " " " " " " "	4844 25
Nov. 1.	" " " " " " " "	900 00
1857.		
March 4.	" " " " " " " "	766 75
		\$8340 32

1856.

DISBURSEMENTS.

DR.

For account of contingent expenses of the Grand Secretary's office :

Paid for printing & binding proceedings of 1856, as per vouchers,	\$1205	25	
" " Sundry printing,	"	"	90 00
" " Repairs of furniture, fixtures, &c.,	"	"	35 00
" Rent from June 1, '56, to Mar. 31, '57, inc'v.	"	"	500 00
" Incidental expenses for the year,	"	"	448 82
			\$2279 07

For account of Grand Officers' salaries :

Paid Alex. G. Abell, Grand Secretary, on act., as per vouchers,	\$1416	66	
" Addison Martin, Grand Treas., for the year,	"	"	100 00
			\$1516 66

For account of expenses of Grand Officers :

Paid W. H. Howard, G. M., expenses attend'g G. L., as per vouch.,	52	50	
" J. A. Raymond, S.G. W.,	"	"	100 00
" S. A. Merrill, J.G. W.,	"	"	100 00
" A. Martin, G. Treas.,	"	"	48 75
" A. G. Abell, G.S.,	"	"	52 50
" Incid'l expenses G. Sec. office during ses. G. L.,	"	"	70 25
" " " G. Master's office during year,	"	"	23 50
			\$447 50

For account of the Library :

Paid for tables and book case, as per vouchers, ...	\$60	00	
" " Binding sundry proc'gs of other G. Lodges, as per vouch.,	32	50	\$92 50

For account of general appropriations, per resolutions :

Paid Isaac Davis, bal. salary as G. Lecturer, 1855-6, as per vouch.,	\$250	00	
" Morris Evans, for services as Grand Chaplain,	"	"	100 00
" O. D. Chafee, " " Grand Tyler,	"	"	100 00
" J. F. Damon, for designs for Diploma,	"	"	100 00
" L. C. Owen, for services as Asst. Grand Sec.,	"	"	300 00
" W. H. Howard, for sundry expenses, &c.,	"	"	500 00
" T. A. Thomas, for exp'ses at special Com'n, 1855,	"	"	36 00
" G. Lodge of N. Jersey, \$56, refunded with prem.,	"	"	57 68
" H. F. Williams, for sund. furniture for G. Lodge,	"	"	56 75
" G. Elliot, " " " " " " " " " "	"	"	37 50
" Freeman & Co., for parchment bought in N. York,	"	"	137 33
" C. Thierry, for making 3 new jewels for G. L.,	"	"	75 00
" Britton & Rey, for lith. 100 blank charters,	"	"	150 00
" G. Master's order for expenses of Com. on Work,	"	"	352 50
			\$2252 76

Making the total amount disbursed, ...	\$6588	49	
And leaving a balance in the treasury of, ...			1751 83

\$8340 32

Of the \$1700, appropriated for the Grand Secretary's salary, it will be seen that \$283 34 remains undrawn. A detailed account of the disbursements is presented herewith, with the vouchers therefor from No. 89 to No. 140 inclusive, as are also the books in which the accounts are kept.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ADDISON MARTIN, *Grand Treasurer.*

Which report was received, and, with the accompanying books and vouchers, was referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

The Grand Master presented a communication from Bro. J. E. WAINWRIGHT, P. M. of *Occidental* Lodge, No. 22, asking permission for that Lodge to ballot upon the petition of an applicant for the degrees, without the delay required by the Constitution; which was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

The Grand Secretary presented certain papers relative to the suspension of J. J. MAY from the mastership of *Caymus* Lodge, No. 93, by the Grand Master, and to his subsequent expulsion by that Lodge, on the thirteenth of December 1856 :

Also, a transcript of the proceedings of *Iowa Hill* Lodge, No. 63, in the case of D. N. ALLAN, expelled on the thirtieth of August, 1856, and his appeal therefrom :

Also, a transcript of the proceedings of *Martinez* Lodge, No. 41, in the case of WM. HOOK, expelled on the thirty-first of March, 1857, and his appeal therefrom :

Also, a transcript of the proceedings of *Ione* Lodge, No. 80, in the case of L. G. LYON, suspended on the twenty-fifth of October, 1856, — with his appeal therefrom, and a memorial from sundry brethren of that Lodge in favor of his restoration :

Also, a transcript of the proceedings of *Tuolumne* Lodge, No. 8, in the case of JAS. McD. ROSS, expelled on the twenty-first of March, 1857, with his appeal therefrom :

And also, notices of the following expulsions viz : — of J. H. BOWDEN, by *Hiram* Lodge, No. 43, on the twenty-ninth of April, 1857 ; of JOHN M. GARDNER, by *Mountain Shade* Lodge, No. 18, on the thirty-first of December, 1856 ; of PHILIP STRELITZ, by *Diamond* Lodge, No. 29, on the twenty-fourth of January, 1857 ; of JACOB TIEHL, by *Amador* Lodge, No. 65, on the seventeenth of March, 1857 ; and of WM. TEKUSCH, an Entered Apprentice, by *St. Louis* Lodge, No. 86, on the fourteenth of February, 1857 : — All which were referred to the Committee on Grievances.

The Grand Secretary further presented the petition of sundry brethren residing at Vallecito, in the County of Calaveras, asking for a Dispensation to open a new Lodge at that place to be called *Vallecito* Lodge ; and another from sundry brethren residing at Meadow Valley, in the County of Plumas, for a Dispensation to open a new Lodge at that place, to be called *Franklin* Lodge ; both which were referred to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters :

Also, a communication from *Mt. Hermon* Lodge, No. 94, relative to the children of Masons under the care of that Lodge ; which was referred to the Committee on Education :

Also, a communication from Bro. ROBERT MORRIS, of Kentucky,

relative to the publication of the "Universal Masonic Library;" which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts:

Also, a memorial from *Quitman Lodge*, No. 88, relative to the case of a Fellow Craft whose advancement to the third degree had been objected to:

Also, a communication from *Fuba Lodge*, No. 39, containing the report of a committee of that Lodge, as adopted, in regard to certain charges against Bro. A. MAURICE, Jr., sent to said Lodge by order of the Grand Lodge at its last Communication:

And also, a petition from *Ione Lodge*, No. 80, for permission to reballet upon the application of a Fellow Craft for the third degree:— All which were referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

The Grand Secretary further presented the following communication from the Masonic Board of Relief of the city of San Francisco:—

To the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of California:—

The Masonic Board of Relief of the city of San Francisco, believing that your Most Worshipful Body will learn with pleasure of the success of its ministrations in the cause of charity during the past year, have directed me to present to you at this Communication, a brief statement of the causes which induced its establishment, of the plan of its organization, and of the results which have attended its operations.

For some years past it has been notorious that the Lodges of this city were frequently imposed upon by successful applicants for charity to several of them in succession, by those whom a proper opportunity for investigation would have exhibited as utterly unworthy to receive it; and, that even in the cases of deserving applicants, who were strangers, it was impossible that the Lodges, at a single meeting, should be able sufficiently to understand them, to be enabled to discriminate wisely as to the amount and mode of the relief to be afforded. So evident was this, that as early as the year 1854 an effort was made to institute an association of the Lodges here, similar to that now existing, but it failed to be carried into effect,—not because the plan was disapproved, but because of a lack of energy and attention to conduct it to completion. In the following year it was again proposed, and the result was a compact between five of the Lodges, with an invitation to the others to become parties to it, should they feel so disposed. This went into operation from the first day of January, 1856, and its principal features, after a recitation of the causes which led to its formation, are that a Board of Relief should be established, to be composed of the Masters or presiding officers of the Lodges assenting to it, to which all applications for assistance from Masons, or the widows and children of Masons not belonging to any Lodge in this city, shall be sent—that a fund for the relief of such applicants should be provided by a tax upon the Lodges, parties to the compact, levied in the manner hereinafter exhibited—that each member of the Board should report all cases requiring relief to that body at its regular weekly meetings, or to its chairman during the recess—and that a report should be made to each of the assenting Lodges, twice in every year, detailing all the transactions of the Board during the preceding six months.

The following was its second semi-annual Report, presented to the Lodges on the thirty first day of December, 1857; and as it gives a summary of the operations of the whole year preceding, it is exhibited as it was sent to the constituent bodies:—

"REPORT OF THE MASONIC BOARD OF RELIEF FOR THE YEAR ENDING THIRTY-FIRST
DECEMBER, 1856.

"To the W. Master, Wardens and Brethren of—————Lodge, No. —

"The Masonic Board of Relief of the city of San Francisco, in submitting this, its second semi-annual report to the several Lodges which have contributed to its establishment, take occasion at the close of the first year of its existence, to present, not only a summary of its proceedings during the past six months, but a full and detailed account of all its transactions during the entire year.

"As you have before been informed, the Masters respectively of *California*, *Parfaite Union*, *Occidental*, *Golden Gate*, and *Mount Moriah* Lodges, (these being the five which first assented to the compact,) assembled on the thirty-first day of January, 1856, and organized the Board by the election of Bro. ALEX. G. ABELL as Chairman, Bro. A. G. RANDALL as Treasurer, and Bro. L. C. OWEN as Secretary, the other two members being Bro. LEOPOLD LEVY and Bro. C. R. SAUNDERS. In accordance with the second article of the compact, By-Laws were adopted for the government of the Board, and for the regulation of the manner in which the charities confided to its care should be administered; the most material rules of which are that regular meetings shall be held once in each week — that relief shall be granted only to regular and worthy Masons, their widows and children — that no sum greater than fifty dollars shall be granted at one time, except in extreme cases and then only by an unanimous vote — that the Treasurer shall give satisfactory bonds for the faithful discharge of his trust, and shall make weekly reports of his receipts and disbursements — and that the Chairman be empowered during the recess of the Board to grant relief in emergent cases to the extent of twenty dollars, reporting the case at the next meeting for approval.

"On the twenty-eighth day of February, *Lebanon* Lodge assented to the compact, and on the thirteenth day of the following month, Bro. JACOB MAYER appeared and signed it, thus making six of the city Lodges represented in the Board; and we have now the additional pleasure of announcing that the only remaining one, *San Francisco*, will become associated with us from the commencement of the coming year — thus joining together the entire Brotherhood of the city, for the accomplishment of the charitable purposes of our organization.

"The revenue of the Board, under the terms of the compact, has been derived as follows:—

"1. From a general assessment of fifty cents for each member of every Lodge, partly to the compact.

"2. From a monthly assessment of ten cents for each member, as before, and from a charge of five dollars for each degree conferred.

"3. From such donations as those charitably disposed, might from time to time, present to the Board, to aid it in the performance of its duties; and

"4. From the power in cases of emergency, to levy an extra assessment on the Lodges of twenty-five cents for each member.

"From these sources the receipts during the year just terminated, have been as follows:—

From Assessments:

<i>California</i> - -	Lodge, No. 1, for 12 months.....	\$ 557 90
<i>Parfaite Union</i> ,	" " 17, " 1 "	43 20
<i>Occidental</i> ,	" " 22, " 12 "	147 00
<i>Golden Gate</i> ,	" " 30, " 12 "	528 90
<i>Mt. Moriah</i> ,	" " 44, " 12 "	406 60
<i>Lebanon</i> ,	" " 49, " 12 "	244 65

From Donations:

Nett proceeds of a benefit given at the Metropolitan Theatre, by Mrs. JULIA DEAN HAYNE.....	\$1459 00
Contribution by <i>San Francisco</i> Lodge, No. 7, to assist in sending home a Mason's widow and children.....	25 00

Making the total of receipts,.....\$3412 25

" Thus it will be seen that all the Lodges, parties to the compact, have paid their dues to the Board for the entire year, with the exception of *Parfaite Union*, No. 17, whose pecuniary embarrassments have compelled it to remain our debtor for its regular dues of the last eleven months, and for the extra assessment hereafter mentioned. It is believed, however, that that Lodge will ere long recover from its misfortunes; and the zeal which it has ever displayed in the discharge of its charitable duties, gives assurance that the debt will be cancelled at the earliest moment it may have the means to effect it.

" But once during the past year has the Board had occasion for exercising the power given it to levy an extra contribution upon the Lodges. In the month of June last, unable to meet the demands upon its charity, an extra assessment of twenty-five cents per member was called for from the Lodges, and, with the exception before named, it was at once paid by all. Even this did not suffice for its necessities, and to supply the additional want, three of the Lodges advanced to the Board the sum of \$214.50, which it was afterwards enabled to repay them from the receipts of the Benefit so kindly given by Mrs. JULIA DEAN HAYNE.

" A detailed tabular statement accompanies this report, showing, in accordance with the 6th Article of the compact, the names of all to whom relief has been afforded, the date when given, the residence of the recipients, the Lodges of which they last were members, the amounts donated, and the reasons for the donation; from which it will be seen that the disbursements during the year have been as follows:—

For relief of sick, needy and destitute Masons,.....	\$ 660 00
" Relief of the wives, widows and children of Masons,.....	648 00
" Passages paid in various directions for destitute Masons, their widows and children,.....	1011 50
" Funeral expenses of deceased Masons, ...	165 00
Making a total for charity, of,.....	\$2484 50
In addition to this, there has been disbursed for blank books, stationery, and other necessary expenses,.....	35 00
Being a total expenditure of,.....	\$2519 50

" The foregoing sum of \$2484.50 has been distributed as follows:—

To 1 case from Alabama,.....	\$281 50	Amount brought forward,	\$1212 50
" 1 " " Arkansas,.....	20 00	To 3 cases from Massachusetts,...	45 00
" 3 " " California,.....	118 00	" 4 " " Missouri,.....	185 00
" 1 " " Connecticut,....	85 00	" 2 " " New Jersey,....	60 00
" 3 " " Dist. Columbia,...	155 00	" 21 " " New York,.....	380 00
" 3 " " Georgia,.....	95 00	" 3 " " Oregon,.....	35 00
" 1 " " Indiana,.....	40 00	" 1 " " Pennsylvania,...	50 00
" 1 " " Iowa,.....	20 00	" 1 " " Rhode Island,...	50 00
" 1 " " Kentucky,.....	10 00	" 6 " " South Carolina,...	80 00
" 16 " " Louisiana,.....	323 00	" 3 " " Texas,.....	30 00
" 1 " " Maryland,.....	65 00	" 3 " " England,.....	50 00
		" 12 " " France,.....	247 00
Amount carried forward,.	\$1212 50	" 3 " " Ireland,.....	60 00

96 applicants for relief,.....\$2484 50

" RECAPITULATION.

" Total amount receipts by the Board,.....	\$3412 25
" " disbursements, ...	2519 50

Balance in Treasury Dec. 31, 1856,..... \$892 75

" In concluding this report we take the occasion to request that the Lodges will direct their respective Secretaries to furnish the Secretary of the Board, on the last day of each month, with a statement of the number of members then borne upon the roll of the Lodge, and of the number of degrees conferred during that

month ; and that the Treasurers of the Lodges respectively, be directed to pay over the amount of the assessment due in accordance with said statement, to the Treasurer of the Board without delay.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"By order of the Board,

"L. C. OWEN, *Secretary.*"

Thus it will be seen that five Lodges in the city of San Francisco have disbursed in charity to sojourning brethren, their widows and orphans, within less than a year, the sum of \$2484,50, besides the sums bestowed among the needy and destitute of their own membership, these being expressly excluded from the jurisdiction of the Board. The moneys thus additionally expended amount in the aggregate to about \$1500, making a total expenditure for benevolence of nearly \$4000 within the past twelve months.

Even this sum does not represent the whole amount which we should have been compelled to disburse, had it not been for the charitable generosity of others ; and we are happy to have the opportunity thus to express the great obligations we are under to the liberality of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company and the California Steam Navigation Company. The first, through its agents in this city, Messrs. FORBES and BABCOCK, has always made generous deductions from their usual charges, in the cases of passengers sent home to the Atlantic States by this Board ; and the last, by its President, Bro. SAMUEL J. HENSLEY, has ever carried free upon all their river steamers, those whom we were aiding to reach any part of the interior.

The system has been found to work admirably. Time and opportunity is afforded by it to examine thoroughly the merits and requirements of each application ; and thus while imposition is prevented on the one hand, real need is certainly cared for on the other, and there is tolerable assurance that the funds collected for charity are disbursed as wisely and judiciously as human fallibility will permit.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALEX. G. ABELL,
Chairman Masonic Board of Relief.

Which communication was referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

Bro. A. G. ABELL, from the special committee appointed at the last Communication "to revise the Constitution, &c.," presented the draft of a new Constitution ; which was received and made the special order for this afternoon.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 2 o'clock, this afternoon.

In Grand Lodge.

AFTERNOON SESSION, }
Wednesday, May 13th, A. L. 5857. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 2 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Master presiding.

The Grand Master presented a petition from *Naval Lodge*, No. 87, asking that certain names now borne upon its charter, may be stricken off;

And an appeal of Bro. H. ROGERS from the action of *Ophir Lodge*, No. 33, by which Bro. A. H. PUTNEY was acquitted of certain charges preferred against him in that Lodge;—Both which were referred to the Committee on Grievances.

The Grand Secretary presented a memorial from certain brethren of the Hebrew faith, residing in Marysville, praying the Grand Lodge to take some action relative to a late alleged declaration by the Grand Lodge of Hanover that Masonry is exclusively a Christian institution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

He also presented a petition from *Nebraska Lodge*, No. 71, asking a remission of its dues for the past year; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

The special order, being the consideration of the proposed new Constitution presented at the morning session, was then taken up; and after some discussion, it was ordered that its further consideration be postponed until the next Annual Communication, and that it be printed with the proceedings for distribution among the Lodges.

Bro. A. G. ABELL, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the following report:—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—

THE Committee on Foreign Correspondence have again had the pleasant, though tiresome privilege of examining the printed transactions of thirty-one American Grand Lodges, together with sundry communications from Masonic bodies in Canada and in Europe; and again they present the results of their labors in preparing an abstract of the several thousand pages which they have carefully read and noted. The proceedings received since the commencement of our last Annual Communication are as follows:—

ALABAMA, ...	for Dec., ...	1855.	MICHIGAN, ...	for Jan., ...	1856.
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ARKANSAS, ...	“ Nov., ...	1855.	MISSISSIPPI, ...	“ Jan., ...	1856.
CONNECTICUT, ...	“ May, ...	1856.	MISSOURI, ...	“ May, ...	1856.
DELAWARE, ...	“ June, ...	1856.	NEW JERSEY, ...	“ June, ...	1856.
FLORIDA, ...	“ Jan., ...	1856.	NEW YORK, ...	“ June, ...	1856.
GEORGIA, ...	“ Oct., ...	1855.	NORTH CAROLINA, ...	“ Dec., ...	1855.
ILLINOIS, ...	“ Oct., ...	1856.	OHIO, ...	“ Oct., ...	1856.
INDIANA, ...	“ May, ...	1856.	OREGON, ...	“ June, ...	1856.
IOWA, ...	“ June, ...	1856.	RHODE ISLAND, ...	“ June, ...	1856.
KANSAS, ...	“ March, ...	1856.	SOUTH CAROLINA, ...	“ Dec., ...	1855.
KENTUCKY, ...	“ Oct., ...	1856.	TENNESSEE, ...	“ Oct., ...	1856.
LOUISIANA, ...	“ Feb., ...	1856.	TEXAS, ...	“ Jan., ...	1856.
MAINE, ...	“ May, ...	1856.	VERMONT, ...	“ Jan., ...	1856.
MARYLAND, ...	“ Nov., ...	1855.	VIRGINIA, ...	“ Dec., ...	1856.
MASSACHUSETTS “	Dec., ...	1856.	WISCONSIN, ...	“ June, ...	1856.

Together with the Grand Lodge of Scotland's Reporter for 1856, a Circular from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West, and several publications from the Grand Lodges of Germany.

No communications have been received during the past year from the Grand Lodges of the District of Columbia, New Hampshire, and Pennsylvania; and we again beg leave to remind some of our brother Grand Secretaries of the venerable antiquity of a portion of those we have received. The many other laborious duties which the action of the Grand Lodge at its last Communication imposed upon the writer of this report, in addition to his almost constant employment in the affairs of the Grand Secretary's office, have rendered it impossible for him to bestow as much time and care to the preparation of this paper, as under other circumstances he would have wished; and it is hoped that this will prove a sufficient apology for the hurried manner in which most of it has been indited. It is probably long enough, even as it is, and without further preface we begin with the proceedings of

ALABAMA.

Since our last report the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of this State for the years 1855 and 1856, have been received. The Annual Communication for 1855, was begun at the City of Montgomery, on the third day of December — the *M. W. STERLING A. M. WOOD*, Grand Master, presiding, and the *R. W. AMAND P. PFISTER* being Grand Secretary,

The Address of the Grand Master, like the papers of a similar character which emanated from his predecessor, is an able and business-like production, detailing the prominent events which have occurred during the vacation, and reviewing and commenting upon those matters about to be brought to the attention of the Grand Lodge. It will be recollected that we last year noticed a vexed question, which for two or three years past has occupied much of the attention of our brethren of Alabama, — the proposed partition, among the Lodges, of a fund amounting to some \$17,000, which had originally been intended for educational purposes. This had finally been decided at the preceding Communication, and a division was ordered to be made; but owing to some error in the proceedings, the committee to whom the partition was entrusted were unable to proceed, and the matter was again in abeyance for another year. It would seem that the Grand Master had heretofore favored the project of distribution, but he now confesses that his views have undergone a change in that respect, and that he believes, in the words of Grand Master *CLOXTON*, the year preceeding, that it would be "almost tantamount to a waste of the funds." The Grand Lodge, however, unfortunately as we think, entertained a different opinion, and the partition has been finally made; thus dividing among more than two hundred Lodges a sum which, had it been husbanded together, would have formed a splendid basis of a fund for the endowment of some Masonic institution of charity or education. Bro. *WOOD* urges the necessity for a uniform system of work; and we remark that at a later period a committee recommended the abolition of the present system of Grand Lecturers, and a return, as the lesser evil of the two, to the former practice of exemplification at the Annual Communications. A considerable portion of the address is devoted to a recommendation that steps be taken for the preparation of a work upon the early history of Masonry in that State, and that something be done for the increase of the Grand Lodge Library. The issue of seven Dispensations for new Lodges is recorded. He recommends the plan for a National Confederation of Grand Lodges, and the Grand Lodge has assented by the adoption of the Articles prepared at Washington.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was again presented by Bro. *DANIEL SAYRE*. He quotes at some length from the Address of the Grand Master of this State in 1855, and presents the resolutions offered by your Committee on Foreign Correspondence at the Communication of that year. He also copies the "Ancient Landmarks" as laid down in the new Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New York, which we quoted at the time, and this is adverted to only to correct an error into which either Bro. *SAYRE* or the printer has fallen, in saying that all these "are acknowledged and held to by the Grand Lodge of California, except a part of the *fifteenth* and *nineteenth*." These two we presented no objection to, the first setting forth only the undisputed fact that initiation makes a man a Mason, etc.;

and the last declaring that none but one who has served as a Warden can be elected Master of a chartered Lodge, which, though not in accordance with our practice here, we made no comment upon. But it was to the *tenth* and *eleventh* Articles that we objected, those referring to that so-called prerogative of a Grand Master to make Masons "at sight;" and those who are acquainted with the unlucky experience with which this Grand Lodge has been afflicted in that respect, will not be surprised that we prefer to have our Masonic introductions made due at *thirty days*, with the proper endorsement of a Lodge.

We are pleased to see that Bro. Sayre entertains opinions similar to those expressed by ourselves in our last report, relative to that new test introduced by Ohio, which requires that a candidate should express a belief in "the divine authenticity of the Holy Scriptures," before he can be made a Mason. In our remarks last year upon this subject, which had been somewhat violently treated by the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of Iowa, we said:—

"We have yet to learn that Masonry is especially a Christian institution, or that it is a *religious* one at all; and while we doubt not that our own faith in the Divine authenticity of the Holy Writings, both Old and New, is quite as implicit as that of our *Christian* brother of Iowa, we do not forget that there is a very large number of our brethren, as good and worthy Masons as ourselves, whose belief does not and cannot extend so far. The precepts of Masonry are *moral*, not religious, and a declaration of belief in God is required, not only for the reason given to the candidate upon his entry, but because there is little guarantee that a man will obey the moral law, who does not give credence to the existence of a Divine Arbiter of our future state of being. 'Masonry,' we are told, 'unites men of every country, sect and opinion,' and as our own traditions date its origin at a period long anterior to the advent of the Messiah, the attempt to introduce this new test is not only an evident invasion of the primal law, but is a palpable contradiction of the very history which we teach and profess to believe. There is no law of Masonry which should prevent the fraternity of Christians, Jews and Mahometans; and that Brotherly Love, 'by which we are taught to regard the whole human species as one family,' and 'which conciliates true friendship among those who might, (but for their Masonic relationship,) have ever remained at a perpetual distance,' is the very foundation, life and spirit of the institution."

Bro. Sayre quotes the proceedings of Ohio in this respect at length, and then thus exhibits the error of the proposition of that Grand Lodge by its own proceedings:—

"At the opening of the Communication of the Grand Lodge at which this report was adopted, the Grand Master congratulated the brethren that Masonry was spreading in Turkey, and reviving in China. Now neither the Turks nor the Chinese believe in the New Testament. The Jews are everywhere admitted into our Lodges, but they do not believe in the New Testament any more than the others. In fact, we are constantly told that pure and unadulterated Masonry, or traces of it, may be found all over the world—among the civilized and the savage—among those even who have never heard that there was such a thing as the Bible. Either these reports must be the merest fables, or a belief in the authenticity of the Scriptures is not necessary in the Mason. The Jews, the followers of Confucius, and the Mahomedans, all reject either the New Testament, or the Old, or both, and yet we see no good reason why they should not be made Masons. In fact, Blue Lodge Masonry has nothing whatever to do with the Bible. It is not founded upon the Bible; for if it was, it would not be Masonry, but religion. Masonry is merely a charitable institution. * * * * That some Masons may teach the Divine authenticity of the Holy Scriptures is true, because some Masons are Christians; but *Masonry* does nothing of the sort, leaving every man to his own opinions upon that subject, as it does upon his politics, his religion, and his profession. Masonry only inquires if the candidate for initiation possesses the proper physical qualities; if he be free-born, of lawful age, under the tongue of good report, and properly vouched for: then, if he believes in the existence of a God, he is a proper candidate for our sublime mysteries."

Among the resolutions adopted at this Communication we note the following:—

"Resolved, That the *retail* traffic in alcoholic drinks is demoralizing in its tendency, opposed to the principles of the Order, and therefore inconsistent with the Masonic character."

Without pausing to inquire why the *wholesale* traffic of a similar kind should have been excluded from denunciation, we quote this only to point out the fre-

quency of this kind of legislation in Grand Lodges — the grave enactment of the commonest truisms, without the faintest shadow of that mandatory and penal character which alone could make them of any use. Some well-meaning and most zealous brother, more anxious perhaps to do good than skilled in the method of accomplishing it, or, it may be, a little desirous to see his name in the published proceedings in juxtaposition with a moral sentiment, offers a resolution involving simply the assertion of the most palpable truth, and the Grand Lodge, good-naturedly, most solemnly resolves that it is really true. We do not speak of this here with any especial desire to find a mote in the eye of our brethren in Alabama, for we have a beam in our own of much more imposing proportions. At our Communication in May, 1854, it was with all due solemnity

“Resolved, That the stern morality of Masonry is practicable; and that we pledge the influence of this Grand Lodge in sustaining it, and recommend to all subordinate Lodges to see that their members exemplify the same in their lives and conduct.”

Of what particular use this resolution, or others like it, can be, we are unable to determine. Laws should be laws, and not abstract opinions; and it seems worse than useless to lumber up the records with crude ideas, done into wordy resolutions which bear no semblance of command, and which, if they did, would be certain to be disobeyed. If we wish to prohibit a “retail traffic in alcoholic liquors,” or any unbending from “the stern morality of Masonry,” let us do so in terms, and provide a punishment for disobedience to the edict. Or, better still, let us cease asserting, by resolution, an hundred things which the moral law, the spirit and lessons of our Order, and the plainest common sense had long since established. In brief, let us not legislate for Buncombe.

The financial reports show the revenue for the year to have been \$3950. The disbursements were \$2680; and there remained a balance in the treasury of \$4810. Besides this, the “Trust Fund” out at interest amounted to \$11,673, and it was out of both these, we suppose, that the \$17,000 was taken for distribution among the Lodges. Two hundred and seventeen chartered Lodges appear upon the registry, as now existing, being an increase of nine since our last report. The Communication continued five days, and the Grand Master and Grand Secretary were both reelected.

1856. — The Annual Communication of this year was commenced at the City of Montgomery, on the first day of December, — the M. W. STERLING A. M. Wood, Grand Master, presiding, and the R. W. AMAND P. PFISTER being Grand Secretary.

The Address of the Grand Master opens with a kindly tribute to the memory of the late Grand Master of Georgia, the M. W. WM. C. DAWSON, who departed this life since our last Communication. He alludes to the case of a brother who had presented an application for permission to *withdraw entirely* from Masonry, and “be placed in the same situation he would have occupied had he never joined the Fraternity;” the request being based, not upon any unfriendly feeling to the Order, but upon conscientious scruples, he having become a member of a church which was opposed to all secret societies, and being desirous to conform strictly to its rules. Bro. Wood of course decided that the most his Lodge could do would be to grant him a demit.

“There is no Masonic law,” said he, “forbidding his withdrawal from an active participation with his brethren in Masonic duties, but no power could release him from his moral and personal obligation to perform them. * * * * * If the brother who had connected himself with a church whose discipline forbade him to be a member of a secret society, felt that his conscience would not allow him to remain affiliated with the Lodge and a participant of its labors — if he believes that such an association was an impediment to him in his efforts to reach a happy home, where, after the trials of this life are ended, ‘the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest,’ — then it was his duty to withdraw, and we can only commend him to go in peace. But let him be informed that it is still obligatory upon him to conduct himself in such a manner as not to bring reproach on us; and that, having once freely consented to obey the moral law, no power on earth can absolve him from that duty.”

The Grand Master is in favor of the abolition of the system of Grand Lecturers, as was proposed the preceding year, and strongly recommends in its stead the appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters, as being more likely

to produce the order and uniformity so much desired. This met with the approval of the Grand Lodge, and though the Lecturers could not be discontinued until the Constitution could be altered, at a later period of the proceedings nine District Deputies were appointed. He reports that the long talked of distribution of the "Trust Fund," so often ordered, had not yet taken place, as a great portion of it was loaned and had not been collected. We perceive, however, that it was directed that the amount now on hand should be at once divided, and the committee who had the matter in charge, reported that one fifth of the whole was ready for the Lodges. He again urges the collection of materials for a Masonic History of the State, and a provision for a Grand Lodge Library; and this time with good effect—\$500 having been appropriated for the purchase of miscellaneous Masonic works, and \$100 for—copies of Mitchell's proposed Masonic History; the Grand Secretary being likewise instructed to purchase two sets of Morris's Universal Masonic Library, and one copy of his Code of Masonic Law for each Lodge in the State. The issue of Dispensations for five new Lodges is recorded. He concludes with a eulogy upon the present system of Foreign Correspondence, and announces the termination of his official connection with the Grand Lodge.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence this year is by Bro. R. H. ERVIN, and is more brief than usual. A very kindly notice is given to the Grand Lodge of California, and a courteous word is spoken for the writer of its reports. The establishment of the independent "Grand Lodge of Canada" is commented upon, and after giving some good reasons for discountenancing that body, Bro. ERVIN presented the following resolution, which was adopted:—

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Alabama can not at present recognize the organization styling itself the Grand Lodge of Canada, as a legitimate body."

An Address was delivered by the Grand Orator, Bro. JOHN DABBY, and jewels were voted to several Past Grand Masters. The financial reports show the receipts to have been \$4061, and there was in the treasury (before the distribution) \$9512, in cash, and \$10,707 of the "Trust Fund" in loans not yet collected. Two hundred and eleven existing chartered Lodges now appear upon the register, six less than the number of the preceding year—the Grand Lodge having revoked the Charters of several for non-payment of their dues during a period of two years. This Communication also lasted five days, the *M. W. J. McCaleb Wiley* being elected Grand Master, and the *R. W. Amant P. Pfister* reelected Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS.

The latest proceedings received from this Grand Lodge are those of its Annual Communication commenced at the City of Little Rock on the fifth day of November, 1855—the *M. W. Nat. G. Smith*, Grand Master, presiding, and the *R. W. Thos. D. Merrick* being Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master notices the spread of Masonry among the tribes in the adjoining Indian territory, and speaks highly of the advancement they have made in its lessons and its practice. He states that he had revoked the suspension inflicted by the Grand Lodge, at its last Communication, upon one of the subordinates which had refused to comply with an edict imposing a tax for the benefit of St. John's College, the Lodge having made due submission and paid up the amount for which it was delinquent. Considerable space is given to the subject of that Masonic institution of learning, and it would seem from the urgency of his appeal to the Fraternity in that State, as well as from the financial reports in regard to the progress of collections on its account, that the project has not advanced as happily as was desired. Yet it is still persisted in; and though our brethren of Arkansas have not, like those of North Carolina last year, built a college by resolution, they seem determined to persevere in the work they have thus commenced. Our best wishes go with them, though we ourselves are not in favor of turning the energies and resources of the Order in that direction. Bro. Smith urges a more strict enforcement of the law relative to gambling, profane swearing and intemperance, announces the issue of fourteen Dispensations for new Lodges, and concludes with a recommendation that the Grand Lodge pay the expenses of the Grand Officers in attending at its Communications.

BRO. LUKE E. BARBER, Past Grand Master of Arkansas, presented credentials as the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana; and the acquaintance we have formed with him from the reading his addresses, induces us to congratulate both Grand Lodges upon so happy an appointment. There is no report on Foreign Correspondence, and we sadly miss the name and works of Bro. ALBERT PIKE at this Communication. We remark that the Charter of a Lodge was revoked, most deservedly, because it had refused to suspend or expel an unworthy member. One hundred dollars was appropriated for additions to the Library. The financial reports show the receipts of the year to have been \$1701, the balance on hand to the credit of the general fund, \$1020, and the amount of the College Fund, \$801 in cash, and \$14,319 in notes. Ninety-five chartered Lodges, and four under Dispensation now exist in this State, being an increase of thirteen since our last report. The Communication continued five days, and the Grand Master and Grand Secretary were both reelected.

CONNECTICUT.

The Grand Lodge of this State commenced its Annual Communication for the year 1856, at the City of New Haven, on the fourteenth day of May, — the *M. W.* THEODORE SPENCER, Grand Master, presiding, and the *R. W.* ELIPHALET G. STORER being Grand Secretary.

The Address of the Grand Master is devoted principally to matters of local interest. He notices sadly the decease of Bro. WILLIAM H. ELLIS, a Past Grand Master of Connecticut, and gives a brief eulogy upon his character. He announces the issue of one Dispensation for a new Lodge, and recommends an increase of the revenue of the Grand Lodge, its present resources being entirely insufficient to meet the demands upon its treasury. He suggests a thorough revision of the By-Laws and Permanent Resolutions of the Grand Lodge, many of them having become inoperative, and others requiring alteration; and concludes by declining to be a candidate for reelection.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is again from the pen of Bro. WILLIAM STORER, and when we remarked in one portion of it the expression of his "ardent desire to make this a short report," it was impossible to repress a feeling of the deepest sympathy with the gratification he must have experienced at finding that he had actually been enabled to compress it within the brief space of ninety-four octavo pages, principally of briefer. Jest-ing aside, however, we do not quarrel with long reports, having to some extent afflicted our own Grand Lodge in that respect; and it is impossible not to admire the amount of labor bestowed, as well as the zeal and ability displayed by Bro. STORER in this department of Masonic literature. He speaks in terms of high commendation of the Address of the Grand Master of California in 1855, and quotes largely from its pages. He is in favor of the proposition that all Masons, whether members of the Lodge or not, should be permitted to vote in any Lodge upon the question of admitting candidates; and is a firm advocate of the *absolute right* to visit. The first of these questions is rather a new one, and as we can not perceive that any benefit to the Order would ensue from the change of a custom almost universal, even did we wish such change, we shall not pause to discuss it. The second, we have had occasion to express our opinions upon before, and the Grand Lodge of this State has agreed with Maryland and Ohio in that respect. Bro. STORER quotes largely from the proceedings of Vermont in reference to the new "Grand Lodge of Canada," and offers a resolution recognizing that organization, which we perceive was not adopted by the Grand Lodge. He is opposed to a regulation of Kentucky which permits the Lodges to elect representatives in the Grand Lodge, when the proper officers can not attend, insisting that the Master and Wardens only can appoint proxies, "for the very good reason," as he says, "that the *Lodge* is not a *member* of the Grand Lodge, and therefore has no right to be a representative." We must beg leave to differ with our learned brother of Connecticut in this respect. Whether a Lodge has the right "to be a representative" or not, there can be little doubt that it has a right to be represented. Grand Lodges at the present day are in effect the Legislatures of the Fraternity, and as the Masters and Wardens are elected for the purpose, among other things, of representing their respective Lodges in the Grand Lodge, if, from any cause, it becomes impossi-

ble for them to fulfill that duty, we think it eminently proper that the same authority whence they would have derived their representative right, should be invoked to devolve it upon others. We are republican enough to believe that it is the Lodge — the congregation of Masons — which is to be represented, and not the Master and the Wardens; and if this belief be wrong, then New York and many other States, as well as Kentucky, have gone astray. We perceive that Bro. STORER has caught the infection from Ohio, as exhibited in the Christian test there first proposed (if we recollect aright) to be added to the time-honored Masonic one. He offers a resolution "that candidates for Masonry should be required to avow their belief, not only in the existence of God, but in the Divine authenticity of His word, as revealed in the Bible." We have already adverted to the opinions we last year expressed upon this point, and have only now to say that, notwithstanding our high regard for the chairman of the Connecticut Committee, and our sincere respect for his Masonic erudition and usually sound conclusions, we are well pleased to see that the Grand Lodge of that really Christian State refused to assent to a proposition so utterly destructive of the idea of universality which lies at the very foundation of our Institution. A resolution requesting other Grand Lodges, in accordance with the regulations of Connecticut and our own, to prohibit the initiation of candidates from other jurisdictions than their own, was presented and adopted; and Bro. STORER concludes with a very handsome and well-deserved tribute to *Relief* Lodge, No. 1, in Louisiana, for its charitable exertions and expenditures during the past four years. The compliment was rendered all the more substantial by the successful offer of a resolution appropriating \$100, and by a call upon the subordinates for further subscriptions, to remunerate that Lodge for its disbursements on account of sick and needy Masons from Connecticut.

A committee was appointed to revise the Constitution, By-Laws, and Permanent Resolutions; a circular was ordered to be issued to the Lodges in the State, asking for contributions to the Putnam Monument Association; and the subject of a "National Confederation," heretofore apparently viewed with some favor, was indefinitely postponed. The receipts for the year were \$479, the expenditures were \$589, and there remained in the treasury, in cash and stocks, a balance of \$1122. Fifty-six chartered Lodges and one under Dispensation now appear in the returns as existing, being three more than were recorded in our last report. The Grand Lodge completed its labors in two days, having elected the *M. W.* WILLIAM L. BREWER Grand Master, and reelected the *R. W.* ELIPHALET G. STORER Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE.

The Grand Lodge of Delaware held its Annual Communication at the City of Wilmington on the twenty-seventh day of June, 1856 — the *R. W.* THOMAS J. PHILLIPS, Senior Grand Warden, presiding, and the *R. W.* DANIEL R. WOLFE being Grand Secretary.

There was no Address, the Grand Master, the *M. W.* JAMES BOOTH, having departed this life on the twenty-ninth day of March preceding. Suitable resolutions of respect for his memory were adopted, and the halls of the Grand Lodge and its subordinates were ordered to be clothed with mourning during the year. One new Lodge was chartered at this Communication, and we notice that a special meeting of the Grand Lodge had been holden to install the officers of a Lodge just created by Dispensation. This strikes us as at variance with the general opinion that the officers of Lodges, U. D., should not be installed; and we are the more emboldened to consider it as a departure from the accepted usage, as, having had occasion to notice in our report of 1855 a similar occurrence in Connecticut, the enlightened chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of that State, in his report before us, acknowledges the error, and says that it will probably not occur again in that jurisdiction. After all, a Charter was refused to the new Lodge at this Communication.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, of which Bro. SAMUEL GUTHRIE appears to be the chairman, presented rather a remarkable report. After naming the several Grand Lodges from whence copies of proceedings had been received, he quotes the article of the Constitution of Delaware, which defines the duties of that committee to be "to receive and answer all communications, and to report

to the Grand Lodge, at every Communication thereof, the substance of the communications received and copies of the answers given ;” and then proceeds as follows :—

“ Communications then, which require or imply an answer — these only lie within the province of this committee. But for some years past, following the example of similar committees in other States, the Committee of Correspondence of this Grand Lodge has transgressed the limit of its constitutional powers, and has at length reached a point out of sight entirely of its original design and purposes. It has become a legislative body. A mass of laws might be compiled from the labors of these committees, equal in volume to the ‘Pandects’ or the ‘Institutes.’ It has assumed high judicial functions. With amazing modesty it reviews, overrules, and reverses the decisions of Grand Masters in cases regularly before them, as well as the recorded determination of Grand Lodges upon questions carefully considered and solemnly adjudged. It has become the Public Censor of Masonic morals and Masonic manners. It has taken up the trade of the literary critic. It affects the reputation of the essayist. It writes profound and unintelligible prose. It explains ‘the relations of Freemasonry to the moral and religious element in man, and its affinity for the religions of the world.’ It looks very wise, and talks like a Philosopher. Many other things, also, it has come to be and to do, away from the purpose of its institution, which we will let pass. *This* only we will add, that its reports have in many cases been made the channels of flattery, *usque ad nauseam*, on the one side, and of resentment, uncharitableness, and envious disparagement on the other. Now all these things, except the last, it were well enough to have ; nay, indeed, these things, *all* of them, we perhaps *must* have — law-makers, judges, critics, censors, and in the present condition of sublunary things, *writers* also of unintelligible prose. But in our notion, a Committee of Correspondence is not so constituted as properly to perform these various and incompatible functions. To do so was not the purpose of its creation, and the attempt so to do threatens to involve in inextricable confusion the History, Law, Landmarks, and Ancient Usages of the Order.

“ Holding these views, we think to discharge our duty to the Grand Lodge by simply declaring that we have received no communications during our official term, nor consequently have dispatched any answers which require to be laid before them.”

It is generally believed that the consciousness of having well performed a duty is calculated to produce the most soothing and gratifying reflections, and we can imagine the seraphic state of feeling with which our good-natured brother of Delaware laid down his pen at the conclusion of the foregoing — deeply impressed with the satisfactory certainty that he had done all which the Constitution required — absolutely nothing. And yet he should have had some misgivings. Had the report consisted only of its concluding paragraph, he would to the letter have fulfilled that which he understands to be the duty prescribed in the article quoted. But has he not somewhat transcended his own construction of that duty by stepping beyond the very narrow limit it provides, to lay his literary scourge upon the shoulders of a score or more committees, from whom he has “received no communications,” and to whom consequently he should have reported no answers ? In all seriousness, what though *some* “unintelligible prose” may have been written in these reports ; there is certainly much, very much, and we believe Bro. GUTHRIE will admit it, that is not only intelligible, but most useful and instructive in them ; and to their appearance, to the comparison of opinions and discussions of mooted points which they have presented, is mainly to be attributed the comparative uniformity of decisions and practice which now prevails throughout the United States. We will admit that they *have* at times been sufficiently presumptuous to differ even with Grand Masters, and we hope the shock will not be too great for our loyal brother of Delaware, when we avow the belief that, judging from the printed proceedings we have received, the committees are occasionally much the most intelligent of the two. We will also admit, and we are sorry to be compelled to do so, that they have sometimes been made the vehicles for the exhibition of vanity, flattery, and ill-humor ; but these are the exceptions, not the general rule, and it was hardly well-considered thus pugnaciously to “pitch in” to all committee-dom, to punish the errors of some offending individual.

The receipts for the year were \$180, and the disbursements \$88. Ten chartered Lodges exist in Delaware, being the same number reported by us in 5855. A single day sufficed for the purposes of the Communication, the *M. W. ALFRED P. ROBINSON* being elected Grand Master, and the *R. W. DANIEL R. WOLFE* reelected Grand Secretary.

FLORIDA.

This Grand Lodge commenced its Annual Communication for the year 1856 at the City of Tallahassee, on the fourteenth day of January—the *M. W.* RICHARD A. SHINE, Grand Master, presiding, and the *W.* JOHN B. TAYLOR being Grand Secretary.

The Address of the Grand Master is comparatively brief. He records the decease of two Past Grand Masters of Florida, the *M. W.* Brothers ISAAC H. BRONSON and THOMAS DOUGLASS, and of a Past Grand Chaplain, the Rev. WILLIAM CHOICE. Proper resolutions of mourning and respect were adopted by the Grand Lodge. One Dispensation for a new Lodge is announced. He invites attention to the subject of the National Confederation, and we remark that a resolution agreeing to it was adopted. He recommends the "Model Form of By-Laws" for the use of subordinate Lodges, by Bro. ROBERT MORRIS, of Kentucky, and suggests their adoption by the Lodges of Florida; and at a later period a committee to whom the subject was referred, affirm the recommendation.

Upon the subject of withdrawals, this Grand Lodge expresses the opinion that no brother should request one except for the purpose of joining some other Lodge, or when about to remove from the jurisdiction; and its subordinates are instructed not to grant demits under any other circumstances. Our practice differs from this, and however desirable it may be, and is, to prevent the evil of non-affiliation, we cannot but believe that the forcible detention of an unwilling member by a Lodge would be a greater one.

Florida, as might have been expected, discountenances the late rebellious action of *Holland Lodge*, No. 8, New York; and declares that Lodge, by its action, to have become irregular and outlawed. This case will be more particularly adverted to when considering the proceedings of New York. A resolution was adopted, consonant with the usage in this State, that Lodges under Dispensation should pay the same dues required from chartered Lodges. Another resolution was agreed to, which strikes us pleasantly as we now write, "a wee short hour ayont the twal:"—

"Whereas, The nights being long and our labors arduous, *Resolved*, That the Tyler be instructed to order suitable refreshments for the brethren, to be served in the ante-room at 10 o'clock each night during the session."

A very singular document, to be called "Anderson's Constitutions," is presented under that name in the Appendix, and we confess our ignorance of the reason why an old-fashioned history of Masonry, from the time of Adam to the reign of George the First, should, by order of the Grand Lodge of Florida, have appeared in its proceedings under that title. The financial reports show the total receipts to have been \$1222, and the estimated expenditures \$1008, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$214. As nearly as we can ascertain, (no list being given,) thirty-six chartered Lodges, and one under Dispensation, are now borne upon the registry, being nine more than we last year reported. The Communication continued four days, and the Grand Master and Grand Secretary were both reelected.

GEORGIA.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of this State are, as heretofore, long in reaching us. The latest which have come to our hands are those of its Annual Communication begun at the City of Macon, on the thirtieth day of October, 1855,—the *R. W.* WILLIAM S. ROCKWELL, Deputy Grand Master of the fourth District, presiding, and the *W.* SIMRI ROSE, being Grand Secretary. The Grand Master, the *M. W.* WILLIAM C. DAWSON, took the chair on the second day.

No address was presented, that custom having been abolished at the preceding Communication. Reports were made by the four Deputy Grand Masters, in the course of which we note the following decisions given by them:—That a Mason, stricken from the roll of his Lodge for non-payment of dues, becomes thereby simply non-affiliated, and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Lodge nearest to which he may reside;—That an election of Master and Wardens is legal only when held on the day prescribed by the Constitution, and that if a Lodge fails to elect a Master on that day, or if the Master then elected refuses to serve, the former Master continues in office;—That a Lodge cannot reconsider the action had at a previous meeting;—That when a trial has been had, the Lodge cannot

grant a new one, nor can it set aside a sentence of expulsion once pronounced, these powers belonging only to the Grand Lodge ; — That a Lodge has the right to refuse to any other Lodge permission to pass or raise a candidate whom it has initiated, and that the Grand Master, even, cannot interfere with such right ; — That a majority of a Lodge, however large, could not surrender its charter while a requisite number of its members, in good standing, were willing to continue its work ; — That the members of a chartered Lodge, applying for and obtaining a Dispensation for a new one, still retained their membership in the first until the last was chartered, when they must elect between the two ; — That charges could not be preferred in a Lodge against a Mason by a person not a member of the Order, but that if statements were made involving the Masonic character of a brother, the Lodge itself might proceed to investigate and determine them ; — And that a member of one Lodge residing in the jurisdiction of another, could only be tried in his own Lodge. Most of these opinions are in accordance with the usage in our own State, and with all of them we agree, except the last. A Mason may reside for years at one extremity of the State, while retaining his membership in a Lodge at the other ; and, having committed some offence at the place of his residence for which he would be liable to discipline, it does not appear to us that the ends of justice would be well subserved were it necessary to send him, his accuser, and all the witnesses which might be necessary to substantiate the charge made against him, a distance perhaps of several hundred miles in order that a trial might be had. Few trials, where such expense and trouble were involved, would probably take place, and thus misconduct would frequently go unpunished. We do not know of any particularly good reason for restricting inquiry into a Mason's behavior to his own Lodge, and it seems to us that those among whom he resides, in whose neighborhood the alleged offence has been committed, and near whom are to be found the witnesses for either party, are far the best qualified to determine in such a case.

Three Dispensations for new Lodges appear to have been issued. The Report on Foreign Correspondence, presented by Bro. L. C. SIMPSON, is very brief, barely alluding to the several Grand Lodges from which proceedings had been received. In one portion, relative to the subject of non-affiliated Masons, we remark a very singular coincidence of opinion and of *language* with the report of Bro. MACKAY, of South Carolina, in 1854. The quotation marks only appear to have been forgotten. A revised Constitution was adopted, in which are some peculiar features. The Grand Lodge is to consist of the Masters of Lodges, with all Past Grand and Deputy Grand Masters, Past Grand Wardens and Past Masters of that jurisdiction. The Grand Deacons are to be appointed by the first five Grand Officers ; the first Grand Steward by the Grand Master, the second by the Senior Grand Warden, and the third by the Junior Grand Warden. The financial accounts show that the total receipts for the year were \$9597, the disbursements \$8528, which included \$2000 paid to the Southern Female Masonic College, and the amount on hand in the treasury, in cash, loans and stocks, was \$12,001. One hundred and ninety-seven chartered Lodges now acknowledge allegiance to this Grand Lodge, being three more than our last report exhibited. The Communication continued four days, and the Grand Master and Grand Secretary were both reelected.

ILLINOIS.

It is long since we have been favored with the proceedings of this Grand Lodge until now. Those before us are for the Annual Communication commenced at the City of Springfield on the sixth day of October, 1856 — the M. : W. : WILLIAM B. HERRICK, Grand Master, presiding, and the R. : W. : HARMAN G. REYNOLDS being Grand Secretary.

The Address of the Grand Master is devoted almost entirely to matters of domestic import. He announces the issue of thirty-seven Dispensations to form new Lodges, and congratulates the Craft upon its prosperity in that State. He presents the subject of the new Grand Lodge of Canada ; and at a later period we perceive that the Grand Lodge determined to postpone any action in regard to it, acknowledging that the brethren in Canada *ought* to have an independent organization, and expressing the hope that the Grand Lodge of England would eventually permit it.

A new Constitution, and new Laws and Regulations for the jurisdiction, were passed at this Communication for the consideration of the Lodges; and a uniform code of By-Laws for the government of subordinates under Dispensation was prescribed. We remark that when the election for Grand Officers had proceeded to some extent, the Grand Master arrested the ballot, because the officers of Lodges under Dispensation had voted. This was doubtless correct, in the absence of any express constitutional provision giving them the right to vote; and we mention it here only to point out the frequency with which the spirit and meaning of our own Constitution has been violated by permitting the representatives of Lodges under Dispensation to exercise such right in the Grand Lodge as soon as Charters were ordered for their Lodges. Our Constitution restricts the membership to the representatives of *chartered* Lodges, and no Lodge can properly be considered in that light until it shall have been regularly constituted as such. A resolution was offered to the effect that there should be but one ballot for the three degrees, and that after initiation, a Mason should not be peremptorily, and without cause shown, stopped in his advancement; it being urged, and properly we think, that an Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft should be dealt with for Masonic offences in the same manner as a Master Mason. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to be reported on at the next Communication.

Though not much given to unnecessary praise, we take the occasion to compliment both the Grand Secretary and the printer upon the handsome manner in which the proceedings of Illinois are prepared. The financial reports show a revenue for the year of \$5350, and an expenditure of \$3649; and there remained in the treasury \$5830. Two hundred and thirteen chartered Lodges and four under Dispensation now exist in this State. The Communication continued four days — the *M. W.* JAMES H. HIBBARD having been elected Grand Master, and the *R. W.* HARMAN G. REYNOLDS reelected Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

The Grand Lodge of this State commenced its Annual Communication for the year 1856 at, the City of Indianapolis, on the twenty-sixth day of May — the *R. W.* LEWIS BURK, Senior Grand Warden, presiding, and the *R. W.* FRANCIS KING being Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master, the *M. W.* ALEXANDER C. DOWNEY, not being present until a later period, his address was read by the Grand Secretary. He mentions the arrest of the charter of a Lodge for having violated the jurisdiction of another State, by conferring the degrees upon a resident thereof; and we are well pleased to see that which has now almost universally in the United States become a law in theory, thus practically exemplified. He speaks of the multitudinous number of letters received, and says that of most of them only two things need be said. The first, (and to that the writer of this report can give his experience as Grand Secretary as a voucher,) that they need never have been written had the writers taken the trouble to look at the Constitution and Regulations; and the second, that most extravagant ideas seemed to be entertained in regard to the powers of a Grand Master, so that if it was wished that anything be done contrary to, or not provided for in the laws of the Grand Lodge, a "dispensation" was asked for at once as a matter of course. We are glad to see a Grand Master proclaim himself what in these days we think he should be, simply the executive officer of the Grand Lodge, and not too ready to exercise even a doubtful power. He announces the issue of thirteen Dispensations to form new Lodges during the year; and speaks in glowing terms of the prosperity of the Order in that State.

A Report on Foreign Correspondence is presented, consisting only of a list of the Grand Lodges from whom proceedings had been received. Indiana recognizes the new Grand Lodge of Canada, and greets it "as a legally constituted and independent" body. A committee to whom had been referred the question whether the Master of a Lodge could demit during his term, settle the point well, as we think, and with peculiar aptness in their concluding argument. They say —

"That the being made Master of a Lodge ought not to deprive the Master of any of those rights which he enjoyed as a Mason — among which is the right to change his location, by moving from the jurisdiction of one Lodge to that of another, and with such

change of location to change his membership, which are only be done by demitting from the Lodge of which he is a member. The Grand Lodge of England, on the twenty-fifth of November, 1793, provided 'that if the Master of a Lodge is deposed, or *demits*, the Senior Warden shall fill the chair until the next appointment of officers.' In the Ancient Constitutions we find this provision: — 'If the Master goes abroad on business, *resigns*, or is deposed, the Senior Warden shall fill his place, &c.' Dermott, in the Ahiman Rezon, establishes the principle — 'That if the Master dies, *demits*, *resigns*, is deposed, or goes abroad, his place shall be filled by the Senior Warden.' The Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Ohio, and perhaps others, have recognized the right of a Master to resign or demit, a right which your committee think may be classed among what, in other associations, would be called *inherent and inalienable rights*. They think, in fact, that the right to resign or demit is as well established by Masonic law, as the *the right to die or be deposed*."

Such is our own idea upon the subject, and we are glad to see that a resolution embodying the opinions quoted was adopted by the Grand Lodge. The Grand Secretary's report exhibits a revenue for the year of \$8683, — an expenditure of \$8446, of which \$4231 was on account of the Grand Lodge Hall, and \$2844 for pay and mileage of members — and a balance in the treasury of \$424. One hundred and ninety-nine chartered Lodges and six under Dispensation now acknowledge the supremacy of this Grand Lodge, being nineteen more than we last year chronicled. The Communication continued five days, and the Grand Master and Grand Secretary were both reelected.

IOWA.

The thirteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of this State was begun at the Town of Oskaloosa, on the third day of June, 1856 — the R. W. G. W. TEAS, Deputy Grand Master, presiding, and the R. W. T. S. PARVIN being Grand Secretary.

The Address of the Grand Master, the M. W. AYLETT R. COTTON, was read by the Grand Secretary. He congratulates the Craft upon the harmony and prosperity prevailing throughout the jurisdiction; announces the issue of twenty-three Dispensations to open new Lodges during the year; and recommends appropriations for additions to the Library, and for the compilation of a Masonic History of that State. He also urges the acknowledgment of the new Grand Lodge of Canada, and we see afterwards that the Grand Lodge adopted the report of a committee to whom the subject was referred, giving a cordial recognition to that body.

No Report on Foreign Correspondence appears, though there was probably one somewhere, as we notice a resolution referring it to another committee, "with instructions to report such resolutions as may be deemed necessary to to carry out the suggestions therein set forth." We regret its absence, as we were anxious to hear again from Bro. WALLACE. The Grand Secretary complains of the non-arrival of the proceedings of other Grand Lodges; and to some extent we have heretofore had occasion to sympathise with him, though we can hardly attribute it, as he does, in part, to "the hostility of Anti-Masonic postmasters," having no reason to suppose that there is even a fossil remaining of that class of the political creation. A resolution to the effect that Lodges under Dispensation should not affiliate members, was rejected, — Iowa thus holding, with us, that there is no objection to such proceeding. It was resolved to divide the State into four or six districts, and that the Grand Master convene the Masters and Wardens in each, for the purpose of holding Grand Lodges of Instruction. It was also resolved that no application for initiation should be received in that State from any one who had not resided one year therein; and this seems now to have become the generally accepted law, our little sister of Delaware to the contrary notwithstanding.

We remark that Bro. CORNELIUS MOORE, of Cincinnati, Ohio, delivered an Address at the installation of the officers of this Grand Lodge. From the financial reports the receipts appear to have been about \$2100, and the disbursements \$1358, and there remained on hand, in notes and cash, something over \$2000. Eighty-seven chartered Lodges and three under Dispensation are now borne upon the registry of Iowa, being an increase of twenty-three since our last report. The M. W. J. F. SANFORD was elected Grand Master, and the R. W.

T. S. PARVIN was reelected Grand Secretary. The Communication lasted three days, and was terminated, as we are informed, by singing Burns's Masonic Adieu!

KANSAS.

Another star has appeared in the Masonic firmament. Amid all the troubles which, during the past two or three years, have arisen in this Territory, it appears that "Freemasonry still survives;" a Grand Lodge having been established in this so lately Indian country.

The first attempt at organization was certainly a blunder, and from the subsequent action that appears to have been perceived. As early as November, 1855, "a meeting of delegates from several Masonic Lodges" was held at the Town of Leavenworth, for the purpose of taking steps to form a Grand Lodge. There were then three chartered Lodges in the Territory, from one of which two representatives were present, and from another, one. The third Lodge being absent, it was concluded to delay proceedings, and "the Convention adjourned" until the twenty-seventh day of December following. On that day the same two Lodges only were again represented, each by a single officer, but, singular to relate, these two Masters (with six other Masons present) proceeded to organize a Grand Lodge, to adopt a Constitution and code of By-Laws, and to elect a full list of Grand Officers!

Reflection or better counsel seems to have come to their aid, however, and on the seventeenth of March, 1856, "delegates from *all* the chartered Lodges" again assembled at Leavenworth, and reenacted all that which had been done before. The same Constitution was adopted, and, with one exception, the same officers were elected, — the Grand Master being installed by *three* Masters of Lodges. Having thus completed its organization in accordance with the rule which seems now to be an established one in the United States, we have great pleasure in greeting this thirty-fourth "addition to the family" — presenting our most cordial wishes that the little mal-practice exhibited at its birth may not in any wise prove detrimental to its health and growth. The *M. W.* RICHARD R. REES was elected Grand Master, and the *R. W.* CHARLES F. HARRISON, Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY.

The Grand Lodge of this State held its Annual Communication for the year 1856, at the City of Lexington, commencing on the thirteenth day of October — the *M. W.* DAVID T. MONTSARRAT, Grand Master, presiding, and Bro. J. M. S. McCORKLE being Grand Secretary.

The Address of the Grand Master is a practical, sensible and well-written paper, principally devoted to matters within the State, but touching also some questions of general importance. He announces the issue of but seven Dispensations to form new Lodges, expressing the belief that there are Lodges enough in Kentucky, and that the strongest reasons only had induced him to send forth those which had been granted. He suggests to the Lodges that greater care should be taken in the selection of brethren for the office of Secretary, saying, with great truth, that although it is a great misfortune to a Lodge to have an incompetent Master, it is even a greater one to possess an incapable Secretary. The position of one of your committee enables him to appreciate this opinion, for although the greater number of the Secretaries in this jurisdiction perform their duties in a very creditable manner, there are not wanting instances where there is infinite room for improvement. Bro. MONTSARRAT strongly reprobates the action by which so many mutilated persons had been made Masons in Kentucky. "Men without limbs," says he, "are to be found in the Lodges of almost every District," and the excuse given for such unwarrantable making is the precedent established by the Grand Lodge itself, in 1801, during the first year of its existence. Then, when but three Lodges composed that body, and when perhaps the light from the East had but faintly shed its rays over the "dark and bloody ground," a Dispensation was given to one of those Lodges to confer the degrees upon a man who had lost his right arm; and this illegal and unlucky precedent has perpetuated the infringement of the organic law in that State during a period of fifty-six years. We think, with the Grand Master, that this evil should no longer be a blot upon the fair escutcheon of a jurisdiction where so much

Masonic intelligence exists. He also strongly urges the collection of Masonic Libraries, not only by the Grand Lodge, but by all its subordinates ; and invites attention to the necessity for a history of the introduction, progress, and present condition of Masonry in that State. He earnestly recommends a more general attention to the celebration of the anniversaries of our Patron Saints, believing that this time-honored practice of our fathers would have a most vivifying influence upon the Order — that the ceremonies upon such occasions are full of symbolic instruction to the initiated — that they tend to polish the glorious chain of fraternal sociability, and to smooth and soften the little asperities which will arise even among brethren ; and he concludes his Address with the following eloquent advocacy of his suggestion : —

“ Masonic festivals exercise a highly beneficial influence upon the minds of the *uninitiated public*. All that the community requires, to estimate our institution far above all others, is to hear its sublime principles enunciated, and to witness its admirable ceremonies as performed on days of Festival. The effect is ever to swell our ranks from among the wise and good. Put, therefore, the eloquence of our best informed brethren into requisition for public orations. Set the liberality of the Craft at work for abundant feasts. Call around you the charms of woman, the dignity of age, the reverence of religion, the excitement of masses, and make them all to see wherein *Masonry is the friend of man and the servant of God.*”

We are disappointed by Bro. ROBERT MORRIS this year. His Report on Foreign Correspondence consists only of a welcome to the new Grand Lodge of Kansas, an extract from the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York relative to the proffered mediation of Pennsylvania, and another from the transactions of the new Grand Lodge of Canada. The lack of time and the press of other avocations is given as a reason for the failure to present a paper such as those we have seen from him before ; but we were too anxious to hear from him, and, because of just such reasons as those he gives, have been compelled to consume too much of the midnight oil ourselves, willingly to receive the excuses he has presented. He offers resolutions of welcome to and recognition of the Grand Lodges of Kansas and of Canada, and they were adopted by the Masonic Senate of Kentucky.

Some rather queer resolutions were offered to the effect that, because some of the Charters to Lodges were issued when the Grand Lodge required elections to be held on both the anniversaries of St. John, and such requisition was stated in them, — by having changed that law and ordered the elections to be holden annually only, the Grand Lodge had subverted “ the *natural and inalienable rights*” of the Lodges, “ as much so as to meddle with and subvert the enjoyment of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness !” The resolutions also maintained that, although the Grand Lodge had the right to arrest or revoke a Charter, it was its “ moral and legal duty ” in such case, to refund the money which originally had been paid for it !! It is needless to say that the propositions did not prevail. We remark, however, that a resolution permitting a Lodge to try its Master during his term of service, *was* adopted. This, so far as we are informed, is certainly not in consonance with the general opinion entertained upon that subject.

It was ordered that the Committee on Foreign Correspondence collect and publish a list of all the expulsions in the Union, and that no new Lodge should be opened unless the nearest Lodge thereto certified that the Master and Wardens proposed were qualified to confer all the degrees ; and it was offered, as a constitutional amendment, that no one should be permitted to serve as Master of a chartered Lodge until he had satisfied his predecessor that he was qualified to perform the duties of his office. The Treasurer’s Report shows a revenue of about \$12,000, and a fund in notes and stocks on hand, of nearly \$19,000. Two hundred and sixty-four chartered Lodges, and seventeen under Dispensation now exist on the registry of Kentucky, being six more than our last report exhibited. The Grand Lodge was five days in session, the *M. W.* THEODORE N. WISE having been elected Grand Master, and Bro. J. M. S. McCORKLE reelected Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana was commenced at the City of New Orleans, on the eleventh day of February, 1856,—the *M. W.*

WILLIAM M. PERKINS, Grand Master, presiding, and the W. SAMUEL G. RISK being Grand Secretary.

The Address of the Grand Master opens with congratulations upon the complete union of all the Lodges in the State, and upon the general health which has prevailed among the brethren. He mentions the formal healing of the members of the two Lodges named in our last report as having returned to their proper allegiance; and, in connection with a case occurring in one of them, takes the occasion to express the opinion that, though knowing no legal impediment to a Mason's holding membership in two Lodges at the same time, it is inexpedient, and frequently capable of producing much confusion. Such is our own opinion, and although the Grand Lodge of California has permitted double membership in cases where one of the Lodges was in another jurisdiction, (which is not so liable to objection as if both were in one State,) we think that the time has gone past when the reason for that enactment existed, and that, as no possible good can result from such permission, and there certainly are cases where much harm may ensue, the law had better confine membership to a single Lodge. He announces the issue of eleven Dispensations during the year for the opening of new Lodges; and in answer to some doubts which had been suggested on the subject, presents the opinion that such Lodges should pay dues to the Grand Lodge in all respects like chartered ones. Such is our own custom, and we have no doubt of its justice, and not the least reason to question its legality and propriety. He suggests that Lodges, in their petitions for Charters, should suggest the first three officers, that they may be named therein, as the Constitution permits no election until the Lodge shall have been properly constituted, and the act of constituting a Lodge necessarily involves the installation of its officers. He thinks that, as a matter of policy, only, the Master of a Lodge should first have served as Warden, though he regards the regulation of the Grand Lodge of England upon that subject as being no more binding upon us than another which requires that the Grand Master shall be of noble blood. Upon the very ground assumed by Bro. PERKINS, we think the selection should *not* be thus restricted. Where the Wardens are qualified to succeed to the Mastership, it very rarely occurs that the brethren do not perceive their fitness. But it *does* sometimes happen that those are placed in the West and South who are incapable of learning, or negligent in attending to the duties of those stations, and it is sufficiently unfortunate for a Lodge to be compelled to endure inefficiency in its Wardens for a year, without having entailed upon it the still greater calamity of being compelled to elevate such officers to the Mastership. The Grand Master concludes his address with a statement relative to the affairs of the Grand Lodge Hall, which we have before spoken of, and which now seems steadily progressing to a favorable close.

The Report of *Louisiana Relief Lodge*, No. 1, deservedly finds place in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge. Besides an expenditure of about \$3,000, for a Masonic Tomb in Greenwood Cemetery, the amount disbursed for charity during the year was \$2800, of which only \$468 was for residents of Louisiana. Of the twenty Lodges in New Orleans, eleven nominally, though but seven in reality, have borne the burden of this charity; and perhaps the highest encomium which we can bestow upon the benevolence of our brethren in that city, will be found in the fact that the Lodges in our own principal town have esteemed it so praiseworthy that they have by a similar establishment endeavored to emulate it.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of the Grand Master, and to those who have read his Addresses, that will be a sufficient commendation. He approves the plan adopted by Virginia and Texas, in the effort to secure a uniformity of work. Instead of a system of Lecturers, a Standing Committee on Work is appointed from among those best qualified in the Ritual of the Grand Lodge, and no changes are ever made in it except to fill such vacancies as death or cessation of membership in the Grand Lodge may produce. With this Committee the work is deposited, and all that is taught in the State must emanate from or be approved by it. The suggestion strikes us favorably, though at this time we probably have little to complain of on the score of lack of uniformity. Bro. PERKINS advocates the propriety and usefulness of the publication by the Grand Lodges of the names of all the members

of Lodges in their respective jurisdictions, together with a list of suspensions and expulsions, as well as of demissions and deaths. It is the practice of the Grand Lodge of California, and we would be well pleased to see the custom general, as, in another capacity, we have frequently had occasion to regret the absence of such means of information. He quotes from the Address of our Grand Master in 1855, and of him and of others of this body speaks in most courteous and kindly terms. He notices the Iowa Report of 1855, by Bro. WALLACE, whose broad-axe and hook and ladder style of dissertation we adverted to slightly at the last Communication; and thinks that brother "is resolved to keep the balance of the world straight," for, finding nothing else in the Texas proceedings to pitch into, "he fires a broadside at the printer and those who superintended" their publication." In relation to the question whether a Mason can be tried and punished for offences committed prior to his initiation, Bro. PERKINS is decidedly of opinion that he cannot, unless the offence have some connection with his admission to the Order, as an untruth in his petition, or some deception to procure a favorable consideration. So we think and have heretofore had occasion to say. He comments upon a case in Texas to which we last year adverted—the manufacture of sundry "emergent" Masons for exportation to California—and very justly condemns the practice of granting dispensations suddenly to confer degrees, for no better reason than that the applicant is about to remove to another State, where perchance Masonry may be useful to him! Bro. PERKINS, like Bro. GILMAN, of Maryland, disapproves of that portion of our Regulation for Trials which required a *viva voce* vote on the question of the guilt or innocence of the accused, and we doubt not they will both be pleased to see that the Grand Lodge of this State at its last Communication arrived at the same opinion entertained by them. The Report concludes with a copy of the Canada communication, and an expression of the opinion that the new Grand Lodge ought at once to be acknowledged. No action upon the subject, however, was had by the Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

A resolution was adopted that no non-resident should be initiated in that State, without permission from the Grand Master or Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction within which he lived. The Grand Treasurer's Report shows the receipts from all sources to have been \$17,452, and the disbursements \$11,834, a considerable amount of which, on both sides, was for account of the Grand Lodge Hall; and there remained on hand in cash \$5617. Ninety-five chartered Lodges and six under Dispensation now are borne upon the registry of Louisiana, showing an increase of five since our last report. The Communication continued nine days—sessions being held only in the evenings—and both the Grand Master and Grand Secretary were reelected.

MAINE.

The Grand Lodge of this State commenced its Annual Communication for the year 1856, at the City of Portland, on the first day of May—the *M. W.* JOHN MILLER, Grand Master, presiding, and the *R. W.* CHARLES B. SMITH being Grand Secretary.

The Address of the Grand Master contains little of general interest. It opens with the usual gratulatory remarks; recommends the compilation of a work on Masonry for the use of that Grand Lodge; announces the issue of five Dispensations to form new Lodges (three of which, *en passant*, are named St. John's); and concludes by declining to be a candidate again for the high office he was about to leave.

A report from the Grand Treasurer seems to show rather a loose supervision of the Lodges in that State during the past years. He had been directed at the previous Communication to make up certain accounts commenced in a "Treasurer's Account Book" many years ago, containing most of the details given in the Annual Returns. Upon examination he found that twenty-five years had elapsed since it had been touched, and that much of the *materiel* requisite to perform the task imposed was lost or had never been received. Although he looked upon the order as very much like that of Pharaoh when he commanded the Israelites to make bricks, without furnishing the straw, yet he made the bricks; and among other facts elicited, it is stated that of eighty-one Lodges under that jurisdiction in May, 1855, sixty-nine only had made returns and paid dues;—

one Lodge had surrendered its Charter several years ago to a Grand Officer, but it had never been reported, and the Charter and Records were probably lost; another had "never resumed work and has no officers," and a third had never had a meeting since the day it was constituted, the Senior Warden having removed to Illinois and carried with him the Charter, Jewels, Collars and Aprons! There seems now, however, to be a disposition to remedy this sleepy-hollow system, and it is to be hoped that the applications will be radical—either death or absolute resuscitation.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is again by our learned brother, the Rev. CYRIL PEARL. He gives a summary of the action of the several Grand Lodges, so far as heard from, relative to a National Confederation, and concludes that it is doubtful whether the requisite number will be found in its favor. There is probably no doubt about it at all, for, though we regret that it is so, not more than half a dozen have declared for the project. The manifesto of the new Grand Lodge of Canada is given entire, and Bro. PEARL, in a series of resolutions, warmly proposes to recognize and welcome that body. These, after some discussion, were laid over until the next Communication, by a very small majority. Another resolution from the committee, "against excluding all allusion to Christianity from Masonic Lodges, and in favor of retaining the Bible entire, as the Great Light in Masonry," was adopted. We have already written on the subject of Christian tests as regards qualification for admission, and our report of this year and the last will sufficiently exhibit our opinion that they are in violation of the general Masonic law. But if Christianity instead of Masonry is to be taught in the Lodges, then it is but fair that the test should be applied, that the candidate may know upon what he is about to enter. We have the profoundest reverence for and the most implicit faith in the doctrines taught by Him of Nazareth, but we do not think that in a Masonic Lodge, our own particular religious views should be forced upon those who, having as good a right to be there, and being as good Masons too, as ourselves, entertain a different creed. The discussion of this subject, like those of total abstinence, profane swearing, gambling, etc., cannot be productive of any good, and indeed Maine herself gives a proof of this, one Lodge in that State having been broken up in consequence of a teetotal row. We meet for one purpose only, and we believe that a Lodge should remain a *Lodge*, while Chapels, Halls of Temperance, and Houses of Correction should be found elsewhere.

The ten District Deputies of this State all presented reports at this Communication. A resolution was adopted authorizing each to hold a Convention of Masons in his proper District twice each year, for the purpose of instruction in the work and lectures. The financial reports show that the receipts for the year were about \$1580, the expenditures about \$1500, and that \$1028 remained in the treasury. There is besides a Charity Fund invested in bank stocks, amounting to \$5800. There appear to be now in existence in Maine, seventy-two chartered Lodges, and six under Dispensation, being seven more than we last presented. The Communication was concluded in two days, during which the *M. W. JABEZ TRUE* was elected Grand Master, and the *R. W. IRA BERRY*, Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND.

The latest intelligence we have from the Grand Lodge of this State is to November, 1855, and we take the occasion to express our regret that we hear so irregularly and so tardily from Maryland. Neither the transactions of May, 1855, or of May or November, 1856, have reached us, and we feel their loss the more as there are those in that body from whom we are peculiarly anxious to hear. The publication before us contains the proceedings of the Grand Stewards' Lodge at the quarterly meetings in July and October, and of the Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication, commenced in the city of Baltimore, on the nineteenth day of November—the *M. W. CHARLES WEBB*, Grand Master, presiding, and the *R. W. JOSEPH ROBINSON* being Grand Secretary.

The Address of the Grand Master is very brief, simply admonishing the brethren in regard to the proper discharge of the duties which lay before them.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is, as heretofore, from the pen of our well-known and esteemed brother, *CHARLES GILMAN*, who, it will be remembered, was the presiding officer of the Convention which organized the Grand Lodge of

California. It is confined within a few pages, only advertng to some most prominent points presented from the various jurisdictions ; and noting, with just satisfaction, the great concordance of opinion throughout the country now exhibited in these reports, as compared with the wide and almost angry differences which prevailed when this system of correspondence was first established. For the kind notice of the Chairman of this committee, and of his report in 1855, we feel sincerely grateful, as commendation from a Masonic writer of such long experience and acknowledged ability, is calculated to induce the belief that our then first essay in such a field, could not have contained many grievous blunders. Bro. GILMAN's kindly recollections of his brethren in California are not warmer or more sincere than theirs of him to whose wise counsel and ready aid they were so greatly indebted in days bygone. The proceedings in Canada are slightly touched upon, apparently with commendation of the views presented by Grand Master EVANS, of New York, in opposition thereto ; but as the declaration of the new Grand Lodge had not then appeared, it is not yet known to us what the opinion of Maryland will be upon that subject. A soft reproof is administered to Bro. HACKER, of Indiana, for the harsh terms employed in the report which we last year noticed ; and the paper concludes with the correction of a mistake made by Bro. FOSTER, of Missouri, in terms so gentle, frank, and friendly, as to command our admiration for the truly Masonic spirit which they display.

A committee was authorized to commence the collection of a Masonic Library, and Bro. J. N. MCJILTON, Grand Chaplain, was appointed to compile a History of Freemasonry in Maryland. The Treasurer's Report shows the receipts for the half year to have been \$2402, the disbursements \$1848, and \$1583 remaining in the treasury. Besides this, the Grand Charity Fund now amounts to \$16,783, and a committee was appointed to select a hundred acres of land near Baltimore, on which to erect buildings for its permanent application. There are now in operation thirty-one chartered Lodges, and one under Dispensation. The Communication continued three days, sessions being held only in the evenings, and the Grand Master and Grand Secretary were both reelected.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The abstract of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge for the year 1856, now before us, contains the published transactions at the quarterly meetings in March, June, and September, the Annual Communication in December, and a special meeting on the thirtieth day of that month, which appears to have been a postponement of the usual Communication on the day of St. John the Evangelist.

At the September meeting, we remark the reception of certain resolutions of this Grand Lodge, relative to the Lodge formerly known on our register as *Pacific Lodge*, at Valparaiso, which your Grand Secretary was directed to forward to Massachusetts ; and we take the occasion to acknowledge the courtesy exhibited by ordering them to be entered upon the record. At the same session a very excellent and carefully prepared report upon the Canadian difficulties was presented and approved ; but as we shall speak of that subject in another place, we only note here that the resolutions which accompanied it and were adopted, refused the recognition of the new Grand Lodge, protested against its continuance as an act of rebellion, and forbade the Lodges and Masons of Massachusetts to hold any Masonic communication with it, or with any Lodge or individual having connection with it.

The Annual Communication was holden on the tenth day of December, the M. W. WINSLOW LEWIS, Grand Master, presiding, and the R. W. CHAS W. MOORE, being Grand Secretary. A committee on the subject of regalia reported that a new set for the Grand Lodge had been ordered from England, similar to that in use by the Grand Lodge of that country ; and that for the subordinates it should be as follows :—

“ The apron of a Master Mason should be a plain white lamb skin, fourteen inches wide by twelve inches deep, with sky blue lining and edging, having three rosettes of the same color. No other color shall be allowed, and no other ornament shall be worn, except by officers and past officers of Lodges, who may have the emblems of their offices in silver on their apron. An officer of a subordinate Lodge should wear a blue sash, a blue velvet collar, trimmed with silver lace, and a silver jewel.”

The jewels proposed are the same as those in use among ourselves. The Grand Master, Bro. LEWIS, having declined a reelection, the M.: W.: JOHN T. HEARD was unanimously elected to succeed him, and the R.: W.: CHARLES W. MOORE was re-elected Recording Grand Secretary.

At the Special Meeting on the thirtieth of December, Bro. LEWIS delivered his valedictory Address to the Grand Lodge. The decease of the M.: W.: P. P. FAY, a Past Grand Master; of the R.: W.: SETH SPRAGUE, a Past Grand Warden; and of the R.: W.: JOHN J. LORING, also a Past Grand Warden, and for twenty-five years Grand Treasurer of Massachusetts, was noticed in fitting terms. Public processions or exhibitions of the Order, except for purposes strictly appertaining to Masonry, were strongly disapproved. The re-issue of six old Charters, and the issue of six Dispensations to form new Lodges, was announced; and we observe that one of these last was for our brethren in Chili, by the name of *Star-of-the-South* Lodge.

Some interesting correspondence was presented relative to HENRY PRICE, the first Grand Master in New England, and the Grand Lodge has been fortunate enough to be enabled to add his to the gallery of portraits of Grand Masters which it has collected. The new Grand Officers were installed, and in the Address presented by Grand Master HEARD on the occasion, he pays a handsome and deserved compliment to his predecessor; recommends the publication of all the records of the Grand Lodge; suggests the propriety of a return to the ancient custom of observing the General Feast on St. John's day; proposes the erection of a monument to the memory of HENRY PRICE, the first Grand Master on this Continent; and congratulates the Craft in Massachusetts on the general prosperity of the Order in that Commonwealth. The number of existing Lodges under Charter is now eighty-nine, besides seven under Dispensation, being sixteen more than our last communication from that Grand Lodge exhibited.

MICHIGAN.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Michigan for the year 1856, was begun at the City of Detroit, on the ninth day of January,—the R.: W.: GEORGE C. MUNRO, Deputy Grand Master, presiding, and the R.: W.: JAMES FENTON being Grand Secretary. There was no Address, nor is there aught said relative to the Grand Master in the proceedings.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary, and presents a short notice of most of the Grand Lodges. He recommends the adoption of an edict forbidding the Lodges from admitting, as visitors, any Mason not a member of some Lodge. Strongly inclined as we are to do all that is possible to discountenance and disqualify the drones of the Masonic hive, we feel disposed to suggest this proposition for our own government, if, indeed it be not already in effect contained in our sixty-third Standing Resolution. Yet, while looking favorably upon any action which shall debar those who contribute nothing to the support of the charities of the Order from being the recipients of any of the privileges or beneficences of a Lodge, we must record our unqualified disapprobation of one act of the Grand Lodge of Michigan in relation to this matter, which we find at a later page. A code of By-Laws, copied, it is said, from those existing in Ohio, was adopted for the government of the Lodges, and was recommended to their acceptance. Among them is the following article: "Any member who shall be in arrear for one year's dues, shall be suspended; and if, within a reasonable time thereafter, he does not answer the suspension by the payment of the dues, he shall be expelled." It seems to us not at all consonant with the principles embodied in the fourth of our cardinal virtues, that for the mere non-payment of certain dollars, the same heavy punishment should be meted out as is inflicted for the gravest misdemeanors known to the Masonic law. We would, by every possible means, endeavor to deprive those who are thus careless of their proper and well known duties, in this respect, of all those Lodge rights and benefits, which can only exist and be dispensed by the aid of the contributions of the brethren; but we do not believe that for such neglect, blameable as it is, they should or can, by the generally received law of Masonry, be entirely cut off from certain of their individual claims upon the Brotherhood. Bro. FENTON is averse to the proposition of New York relative to the reciprocal appointment of Representatives by the various Grand Lodges, stating that to do this with all those bodies in the United States "would involve an outlay of not less than

fifteen hundred dollars." For what purpose? Whatever other reasons there may be against the suggestion of the Grand Master of New York, we have never before heard the *expense* argued as one, and confess we were ignorant that there would be *any* further than the pre-payment of postage on a letter of appointment. The Report of the Indiana Committee of 1855, wherein certain suggestions for regalia in Michigan were characterized as "an absurd specimen of balderdash," is noticed by Bro. FENTON, in the language of Job—"No doubt but ye are the people, and wisdom shall die with you." An allusion is made to the meeting of the Canadian Lodges, but the Committee states that, having "no official information whether said Convention did proceed to organize an independent Grand Lodge," comment upon the subject is not offered. This seems a little singular, as on the second day of November preceding, the *M. W.* HENRY T. BACKUS, a Past Grand Master of Michigan, who was present at this Communication, installed the officers of the new Grand Lodge. at Hamilton, a single day's journey from Detroit!

The Grand Lecturer reported that he had visited all the Lodges in the State but one. A Lodge to work in the German language was chartered. The Grand Treasurer's Report shows an income of \$1455, and an expenditure of \$2567, and \$616 yet remained in the Treasury. There are seventy-three Lodges chartered, and fourteen under Dispensation on the registry, being ten more than we last year noted. The Communication lasted three days, the *M. W.* GEORGE C. MUNRO, having been elected Grand Master, and the *R. W.* JAMES FENTON, reelected Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA.

The fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of this Territory was commenced at the Town of St. Paul, on the seventh day of January, 1856,—the *M. W.* MOSES SHERBURNE, Grand Master, presiding, and the *R. W.* HENRY REYNOLDS being Grand Secretary.

The Address of the Grand Master is more than ordinarily interesting. He describes well the duties which Masons owe, not only to each other, but to all their fellow-men, and truthfully sets forth the various unworthy reasons which frequently prompt the applications of those, who, through carelessness and inattention, are too often admitted to our mysteries. He devotes considerable space to the examination of the subject of a National Confederation, and is of the opinion that it would be cumbersome and unproductive of any of the good effects sought to be produced by its organization, while the establishment of a General Grand Lodge would be in the highest degree beneficial to the interests of American Masonry. These views, at a later period, were adopted by the Grand Lodge. He thinks that too little care is exercised by the Lodges in granting demits, so called; and that, while the right of a member to withdraw from a Lodge whenever it shall please him, ought not to be disputed, it behooves that body to be very cautious how they grant certificates which recommend the bearer to all the Masonic Fraternity throughout the world. Our own opinions, in consonance with this, have heretofore been given. Bro. SHERBURNE announces the issue of three Dispensations to form new Lodges during the year, and declines a reelection as Grand Master.

There is no Report on Foreign Correspondence. A new Constitution was presented, which appears to be modeled principally from that of the Grand Lodge of New York, though we think that in two or three respects at least, alterations which have been introduced are not improvements. Neither time or space, however, permits a discussion of the instrument now. It was approved by the Grand Lodge, and ordered to be submitted to the Lodges for their acceptance or rejection during the year, the concurrence of two-thirds being required for its adoption. A resolution was adopted to pay one representative from each Lodge three dollars per day and his necessary traveling expenses in attending the Communications. The financial reports show a revenue for the year of \$412, and an expenditure of \$299, there remaining \$472 in the Treasury. Both the Secretary and Treasurer seem to act as custodians and disbursers of the funds. Eight chartered Lodges and four under Dispensation now exist in Minnesota, being an increase of seven since our last report. The Communication lasted five days, during which the *M. W.* A. T. C. PIERSON was elected Grand Master, and the *R. W.* HENRY REYNOLDS was reappointed Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI.

The Grand Lodge of this State held its Annual Communication for the year 1856 at the city of Vicksburg, commencing on the twenty-first day of January — the *M. W.* GILES M. HILLYER, Grand Master, presiding, and the *R. W.* WILLIAM P. MELLEEN, being Grand Secretary.

The Address of the Grand Master presents a retrospective view of Masonry in Mississippi, and contrasts the condition of the Order in 1819, when but three Lodges existed in the State, and but one hundred and four members were borne upon their rolls, with its prospects now, when there are two hundred Lodges and nearly eight thousand members. He gives a tribute of remembrance to the *R. W.* WOODSON WREN, lately deceased, who was formerly Grand Secretary of that Grand Lodge; compares the quiet harmony and peace which prevails in Masonic assemblages with the loud discord and confusion usually characterizing other congregations; and displays the chastening and mollifying effects produced upon men in all circumstances and situations by the precepts and obligations of the Order. He advocates the District Deputy system prevailing in Mississippi, and presents the substance of the reports of ten out of the seventeen officers of that name. Some space is given to the subject of a deficiency in the revenue, occasioned by a division of \$2500 among the Lodges, and an increase of the pay and mileage of members; and a brief notice is taken of the settlement of the rival jurisdictions of the Supreme Councils of the 33d in the South, in consequence of which all the Lodges in Louisiana were now restored to their rightful allegiance. He announces the issue of seventeen Dispensations to form new Lodges; and, after a beautiful and eloquent admonition to the brethren so to illustrate, by their lives and conduct, the emblems and lessons of the institution, that at the end of earth they may be raised to a knowledge of the great secrets and unbounded joys of the life to come, he concludes with the following most appropriate extract from Inwood's Sermons:—

“Then, in that awful day when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed, the gazing multitude who have curiously inquired *our* secrets, shall be astonished to know that the greatest deep of Masonic mystery was the unpublished act of doing good.”

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is, as in previous years, from the skillful hand of Bro. WM. P. MELLEEN. An excellent summary of the proceedings of the various Grand Lodges is presented, while but little space is given to the enunciation of opinions upon any particular subject, our brother of Mississippi probably, like ourselves, finding little left among the many late subjects of discussion, that is not pretty conclusively determined. He gives two or three pages to the proceedings of California, and as there are several opinions in our Report on Foreign Correspondence of that year (1855) which do not meet his approval, we take the occasion to say that all the imperfections of that report, however great, rest not upon him to whom he attributes them, but to the writer of this, as well as of the two next preceding papers of this kind.

A resolution similar to our own of 1855, forbidding suspensions for a definite time, was adopted. Majority and minority reports upon the troubles in New York were presented, as well as a “reply” and “rejoinder” from the parties presenting the two reports; and we are most happy to see that that which we thought was foreshadowed in the previous year's proceedings, has in reality come to pass, and Mississippi now acknowledges, with all her sisters, the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. A very learned report on the “powers of a Grand Lodge” was presented by Bro. GEO. H. GRAY, Sen., which, as it seems to deny any real power in a Grand Lodge at all, is rather unfortunately entitled. The report of a Committee on Retrenchment was adopted, reducing the pay of members to \$2 50 per diem, and \$2 50 for every thirty miles travel each way, and the Constitution was amended by raising the annual dues from fifty to seventy-five cents for each member,—the dues for degrees being, as with us, one dollar for each conferred.

A resolution was adopted authorizing Lodges to try Masons for offences committed before becoming members of the Order, if such offences were of a character which would be designated as “felonious” by the laws of the land. A jewel was voted to Bro. WM. P. MELLEEN, who for twenty-one years has been Grand Secretary in Mississippi, and who, for some reason which does not appear, was not reelected at this Communication, though the highest compliments are paid to the care and fidelity with which he has discharged the duties of his office. The

financial report exhibits an income during the year of \$7150, and an expenditure of \$7706, leaving \$62 in the treasury, and an outstanding indebtedness of \$1342. One hundred and seventy-four chartered Lodges and fifteen under Dispensation now exist in this State, being ten more than we last year chronicled; and we take the liberty of expressing our admiration of the care and labor which has been bestowed by the Grand Secretary in preparing their returns, and the accompanying statistics. These, with the proceedings, fill four hundred and sixty-three pages, octavo; five days were devoted to the Communication, during which the Grand Master was re-elected, and the R. W. R. W. T. DANIEL was elected Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of this State for the year 1856, was commenced at the city of Lexington, on the twenty-sixth day of May,—the M. W. L. S. CORNWELL, Grand Master, presiding, and the R. W. A. O'SULLIVAN being Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master in his Address announces that health, prosperity and harmony has prevailed throughout the jurisdiction. He laments the death of Bro. WILSON BROWN, a Past Grand Master of that State; denounces the system of itinerant lecturing prevalent in Missouri; disapproves of the practice, there in force, of permitting District Deputy Grand Masters to grant Dispensations to form new Lodges; and takes the occasion to notice how few of the seven Grand Chaplains annually appointed by the Grand Lodge, ever attend its meetings. He is opposed to the custom, in vogue among many of the Lodges, of occupying a hall jointly with other societies; believes that all pecuniary difficulties between brethren should be settled in the Lodge-room, and not in the law-courts; and, notwithstanding the harmony which he states as prevailing, notes several instances of the arrest, suspension and surrender of charters on account of troubles in the Lodges. A considerable portion of the address, and not a little space in the proceedings, is given to the constant subject of the Masonic College. The experience derived from reading the transactions of Missouri, convinces us more and more each year of the inexpediency of attempting, by means of "Masonic Colleges," so called, to advance the cause of education. There are few States now in the Union where free primary schools do not exist in every neighborhood, and thus the common branches of education are open without cost to all. If it be desired to assist a Mason's son or daughter further, there is little doubt that it can be done at a much less expense by sending them to some one of the hundreds of institutions of learning already in existence, than by attempting to organize, endow and manage one ourselves.

We regret to see that Grand Master CORNWELL committed the great error of introducing in his address any notice of the political and sectional dissensions which have prevailed in that State and in the Territory on its borders, or any warning of the brethren against other secret societies; and we are well pleased to observe that a committee to whom that portion of the address was referred, expressed disapproval of the act, declaring that they regarded, "the introduction of matters of political policy, or the tendency of other secret societies, into the Grand Lodge as not only of doubtful propriety, but truly hurtful to the principles of our Order." In a Lodge of Masons, say they, "politics should never enter, nor should we undertake to condemn other secret societies of which we perhaps know nothing, and which claim to be, if not so venerable, at least as good as ours." Bro. CORNWELL gives some attention to the new Grand Lodge of Canada, and is of the opinion that, for the present at least, it ought not to be recognized; and in this the Grand Lodge more than concurred, by a somewhat sweeping resolution that it could not "acknowledge the existence of a Grand Lodge in the Canadas, independent of the Grand Lodge of England." Not even if the parent Grand Body should assent?

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is, as heretofore, by Bro. JOSEPH FOSTER. He expends a little indignation upon France for presuming to attempt to hold the "Universal Masonic Congress" adverted to in our last report, and repeats what he says he stated several years ago, that "it would be a miracle to expect any results but wanton and reckless innovations,—if indeed the term ravages would not be more appropriate—upon our fraternity from all assemblies of the kind." Grand Lodges then must be Masonic nuisances to a greater or less ex-

tent. Bro. FOSTER speaks of the Indiana report of 1855 as being "sometimes rather caustic," which strikes us as a definition, unknown to the lexicographers, for harsh, discourteous, almost abusive language. He takes issue with the Grand Lodge of Ohio because a committee of that body, in reporting against making an appropriation upon an application for charity, stated that the usage had always been to refuse relief from its funds, on the ground that it was more proper for the subordinate Lodges to be the ministers of such beneficence, each in its own particular neighborhood. Now this, it seems to us, is exactly as it should be. If a Grand Lodge undertakes the distribution of charity, how unequal, uncertain and infrequent must it be, especially in an extensive jurisdiction like Ohio. Unfair too, it is likely to be, as all the Lodges are taxed to fill the treasury of the Grand Lodge, and this money would be apportioned among a very few, living probably in the neighborhood of the place where that body meets, and appropriated without that certain knowledge of the worthiness of the applicants which a subordinate Lodge would have the time and means to ascertain. It appears to us to be far better that the revenue of the Grand Lodge, derived from its subordinates, should be only just sufficient to meet its necessary business expenses, and that to the Lodges should be left such disbursements as the calls for charity may require and their means may justify. Bro. FOSTER very justly condemns the proposition of the Grand Master of Oregon in 1855, to which we last year alluded, making a general reputation for lack of morality or honesty sufficient ground for immediate suspension or expulsion, without requiring charges to be preferred and proved; and he disapproves, as we think for good reasons, the change of practice in Arkansas by which balloting on the applications of candidates is had in a Lodge of the degree applied for.

A Committee reported that a Grand Lecturer of approved skill should be appointed, to devote his whole time, not only in lecturing Lodges upon the Ritual, but upon the history and principles of the Order. He was to keep a journal of his proceedings, to be submitted each year to the Grand Lodge, showing the number of Lodges visited, the time spent with each, and the condition of each "morally, Masonically and financially;" and he was to receive three dollars per day for such service, from the Grand Lodge, and have his necessary expenses paid by the Lodges which he visited. The new Grand Lodge of Kansas was recognized, the three Lodges composing it having all existed under Charters from Missouri. A little dispute between two Past Grand Masters appears to have arisen upon a claim by each to the paternity of the "Masonic College," and a gentle rebuke was administered to the Grand Master for restoring on his own responsibility the charter of a Lodge which had been arrested, to a portion of the members of the Lodge. The financial reports show the receipts for the year to have been \$8645, from all sources. The debt of the College was \$9100, and the estimate of its expenses for the coming year was \$6200. One hundred and fifty chartered Lodges and eight under Dispensation now exist upon the registry of this body, being the same number last year reported. The Grand Lodge was six days in Communication, during which the *M. W.*: BENJAMIN SHARP was elected Grand Master, and the *R. W.*: A. O'SULLIVAN was reelected Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

The Grand Lodge of New Jersey held its Annual Communication for the year 1856, in the City of Trenton, commencing on the ninth day of June—the *M. W.*: EDWARD STEWART, Grand Master, presiding, and the *R. W.*: JOSEPH H. HOUGH being Grand Secretary.

The Address of the Grand Master discusses no subject of general interest. He announces the issue of two Dispensations to form new Lodges, and the resuscitation of three old ones; and presents a list of Lodges visited during the year, showing not a little zeal and industry on his part. He inculcates the necessity of becoming well versed in the ceremonies and lectures of the Craft, declines a reelection, and closes with a piece of poetry.

A Report on Foreign Correspondence seems to have been presented, as the Committee had leave to print it with the proceedings, but it nowhere appears in the pamphlet before us. Resolutions respecting some border difficulties with New York and Pennsylvania were adopted. The Financial Reports exhibit a revenue of \$532, and an expenditure of \$534. Forty-one chartered Lodges now appear

upon the rolls, being six more than shown by the last year's record. The Communication continued two days only, the *M. W.* DANIEL BABBITT being elected Grand Master, and the *R. W.* JOSEPH H. HOUGH, being reelected Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

The Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge of this State for the year 1856, was begun at the city of New York on the third day of June—the *M. W.* JOSEPH D. EVANS, Grand Master, presiding, and the *R. W.* JAMES M. AUSTIN being Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master, in his Address commends the practical operation of the District Deputy system lately established in that jurisdiction; deprecates the too great carelessness with which constitutional provisions are sometimes almost legislated away by hurried action in the Grand Lodge; and rejoices in the harmony and prosperity which prevails among the Lodges throughout the State. He reprobates aspiration for office, as contrary to the precepts of our institution, and baneful in its effects upon the Order; and commends that portion of the new Constitution depriving Past Masters of membership in the Grand Lodge, because it tends to prevent the too frequent change of Masters in Lodges—he believing that the prosperity of a Lodge is best promoted by keeping a good Master in office as long as he will serve. He urges the reestablishment of the Grand Stewards' Lodge, which was lately abolished; approves the efforts which have been made for the establishment of Masonic Libraries; and advocates the practice of examining candidates for advancement in open Lodge. This practice, however, a subsequent resolution of the Grand Lodge has altered, without improving, as we think, by permitting such examinations to be had before a committee. He alludes again to the subject of the new Grand Lodge of Canada, reiterating the opinions before expressed regarding the illegality of its formation; and expresses, most properly, in our opinion, his disapproval of the mediation lately proposed by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, between the Grand Lodge of New York and the rebellious organizations which it has expelled. Both these subjects will hereafter be referred to. Bro. EVANS devotes a little space to the discussion of that great desideratum—a proper and uniform standard of work; and in relation to the many differences of opinion existing upon the subject, he mentions something with which our own Grand Lodge is not entirely unfamiliar, that while the oldest and best informed Masons may not have exactly the same versions, novitiates of a month's or a year's experience are not unfrequently the loudest and most positive in their assertions as to the possession of the "ancient work." And we take the occasion to express our gratification that from so high a source has come the expression of an opinion, consonant with our own, that while the *essential* portions of the Ritual should not and need not be departed from, mere forms of phraseology may well be changed to secure harmony and uniformity, most especially when the result will be productive of *good English*. The Address closes with a well deserved compliment to the accomplished Grand Secretary of New York.

We remark the announcement of the Grand Master, that he had issued a Dispensation to the members of *Holland Lodge*, No. 8, their Warrant "having been taken from them by the Master, who contumaciously resisted the demand upon him for its return, together with the property of the Lodge." It surprised us that nothing more in regard to the action of that Lodge appears in the proceedings. Soon after the close of our last Communication the Grand Secretary received a pamphlet dated at New York, August thirteenth, 1855, entitled, "An Address of *Holland Lodge*, No. 8, to their Masonic Brethren," the first paragraph of which presents the following not very logical or Masonic language:—

"Imperative necessity, coupled with an honest desire to add our humble efforts to allay the dissensions which for the past eight years have destroyed the reputation of the Masonic Fraternity of this State, has induced *Holland Lodge*, No. 8, to cast aside the allegiance to which she has hitherto been subject, and to declare herself free and independent of all control and authority, save such as the ancient landmarks and usages of the Order have prescribed."

It is unnecessary, and would be giving too much notice to a revolutionary and unmasonic paper to quote further. It is probably the first instance since the time of the four old Lodges in London, where a single Lodge has had the absurd presumption to declare itself "free and independent;" and we only refrain from

saying more upon an occurrence so remarkable, because we are not informed that the Grand Lodge of New York—the body most interested in such an act of rebellion—has taken any action upon the subject.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is, as for some years past, from the skillful hand of Bro. FINLAY M. KING, the Senior Grand Warden of New York. We regret that he was unable to complete it, not half the Grand Lodges having been presented in his review; and we regret still more that the many pressing demands from other quarters connected with our duties to the Grand Lodge, prevent us from giving time and space to the usual valuable information it contains. He notices in appropriate terms the recognition of the Grand Lodge of New York by that of Mississippi, and states that such recognition has now taken place in every Grand Lodge in the world where definite action has been had upon the subject of the difficulties in that jurisdiction. The only *supposed* exceptions are Pennsylvania, which holds little correspondence with other Grand Bodies of the world—Saxony, which too liberally acknowledges *all* bodies claiming to be Masonic, and thus, recognizing the rebellious organization in New York, is no longer communicated with by the Grand Lodge of that State—and Hamburg, which *has* acknowledged the true Grand Lodge, but which, having improperly sought to establish subordinates in her territory, has not only been cut off from correspondence with that Grand Lodge, but is refused communication with by most of the Grand Lodges in the United States. Considerable space is given to the discussion of the Canadian question, and a resolution was presented and adopted, declaring that “as at present advised, the Grand Lodge of New York cannot recognize as a Grand Lodge, the newly formed body in Canada, claiming to be the Grand Lodge of Canada.” The proceedings of the National Masonic Congress at Paris, to which we alluded in our last report, are given in full, and in another place we shall avail ourselves in part of the copy thus presented. Resolutions were offered and adopted authorizing the appointment of a suitable person to compile and write a history of Masonry in New York, and at a later period we observe that the R. W. and Rev. Bro. SALEM TOWN was selected to perform that important task.

Five out of the nineteen District Deputy Grand Masters presented reports, and in each case, it was represented that the Officer had not been able to discharge the duties of his office, to a greater or less extent. The Grand Master is of course a better judge than we, but it is difficult to conceive from the published proceedings that this system so far has been productive of any particular good in New York. The theory is a good one, and could Deputies be found who would always perform the duties proposed for them, fully and faithfully, it is impossible to deny that such a system would be productive of most beneficial effects; as the Lodges would by such means be subjected to a nearer and more scrutinizing supervision. But our reading of the proceedings of the various Grand Lodges for the past three years, preparatory to writing our reports, has shown us, in most cases, how signally the practical effects have failed to keep pace with the theoretical benefits. Year after year it has been the same—a few only of the Deputies making reports at all, and of those few, the greater portion making a report only to show reasons why they have done little or nothing of that which was expected from them. And thus, though strongly impressed with the good results which *might* be derived from such a system of sub-divided surveillance, and at one time almost inclined to recommend it, we are admonished by the experience of other jurisdictions that, as a general rule, it is impracticable to find a sufficient number of those who will properly fulfill its duties, and that we must look to some other mode for the accomplishment of the benefits it proposes.

We are not much in the habit of making up our reports with scissors, but it does sometimes happen that a brief, or even a lengthy abstract, cannot do justice to a subject as presented in the proceedings of other jurisdictions. Believing the case of the proffered mediation by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, between the Grand Lodge of New York and the pretended, though outlawed body of that name, to be one of these instances, and thinking it proper that the severe, though just and well-merited rebuke which has been given to Pennsylvania for its arrogance and discourtesy, not more in the proffer than in the manner in which it was made, should be presented in full, we give the following special report by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of New York, to whom the subject had been submitted:—

"The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to which has been referred the proffer of mediation from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; so much of the address of the *M. W.* Grand Master as relates to this subject; the preamble and resolutions offered by the *W. W. A. CARPENTER*; and various other papers and resolutions relating thereto, beg leave to submit the following report:—

"The proposition for a mediation on the part of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, is contained in what appears to be the copy of an extract from the minutes of that Grand Lodge, sent by the Grand Secretary thereof to the *M. W.* Bro. JAMES PAGE, a Past Grand Master of that State, and by the latter forwarded to the Grand Secretary of New York. Relying upon the honor of this distinguished brother, your committee have confidence to believe that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has made the proposition which is therein indicated; yet it is not customary for the Grand Lodge of New York, nor any other prudently conducted governing body of Masons, to take cognizance of, much less to act upon, questions of this importance, without something to indicate the official character of the transaction. Though the Grand Lodge may justly feel a diffidence in entertaining a proposition that has been made in this form, the committee have ventured to consider it as if it had been officially communicated to your *M. W.* Body.

The paper, containing that proposition, reads as follows:—

'GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

'SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

'NEW HALL, CHESTNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

'January 7th, A. D. 1856, A. L. 5856.

'On motion of Past Grand Master Bro. JAMES PAGE, and duly seconded by Bro. WM. BADGER, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted with great unanimity, to wit:—

'Whereas, An unhappy condition of affairs now exists, and has existed for some time in the Masonic Fraternity of the State of New York, and whereas this Grand Lodge has taken no part whatever in the controversy, not having recognized either of the bodies claiming to be the Grand Lodge of that State, and is therefore in a position to interpose her friendly offices with a view to the restoration of Masonic harmony in that jurisdiction: therefore,

'Resolved, That this Grand Lodge do authorize its *R. W.* Grand Master to appoint four brethren, himself being a fifth, to constitute a committee in her behalf, to tender her mediation to the bodies of Masons referred to in the preamble, for the purpose, if possible, of settling and terminating the controversy between them.

'Resolved, That in case of their acceptance of such mediation, the said committee shall have full and absolute power to act for this Grand Lodge in the premises; provided, however, that they shall not proceed in the discharge of their duties, unless it be previously stipulated and agreed, that their decision, after fully hearing both parties, shall be considered as the decision of this Grand Lodge, and it be binding and conclusive upon all concerned.

'The *R. W.* Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following named brethren said committee, viz:—

'*R. W.* Past Grand Masters Bro. JAMES PAGE, SAMUEL BADGER, SAMUEL H. PERKINS, and WILLIAM WHITNEY.

'Extract from the minutes.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

'To JAMES PAGE, Esq., *Chairman.*'

"Under circumstances other than those involved in, and which have a bearing upon this third proposition for a mediation in the affairs of New York, your committee would feel themselves excused from any further discussion of the subject than is contained in the objections offered by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence to the proposition of the *M. W.* Bro. FOSTER, of Missouri, in 1853, of submitting the same matters to the judgment and determination of the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts and Virginia. That proposition was made at a time when an idea of its possible acceptance might have been entertained by those who were not familiar with the questions involved. The proceedings of our sister Grand Lodges, for two years past, show that the objections offered to it, have been extensively considered; and wherever considered by intelligent and dispassionate minds, have been regarded as insuperable obstacles to any possible mediation on the part of any Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges in the world. The previous proposition of Ohio to act as a mediator was also declined; and why it is that Pennsylvania should esteem herself, or any committee she might appoint, better qualified to arbitrate the differences formerly existing here is difficult for this committee to conceive. True it is, that neither Ohio, Massachusetts or Virginia, will veil their action, from want of Masonic knowledge, integrity, sound legislation, intelligence or fidelity to the landmarks and usages of our institution, before any Grand Lodge whatever.

"And this committee, having some knowledge of these qualities, as manifest in the history of these illustrious bodies, do not hesitate to accord to them, respectively, a standard in these particulars which admits of no superior. But, aside from these circumstances, with entire deference to the age, experience and wisdom of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, this committee believe that the Grand Lodge of New York, or any other Grand Lodge in this country, would feel much safer in trusting the arbitrament of any questions involving its existence, as does the present, to either of the above mentioned

bodies than to that of Pennsylvania; and for reasons, by no means derogating, in the slightest particular, from the integrity of that body, but for others we will state. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is, and has been, since her organization in 1786, nearly a sealed book to the other Grand Lodges of the world. Her current history has only been known through the medium of personal intercourse with her members, and the occasional reports of her Grand Master and her Financial Committees, or the dedication of some hall. In the latter case, her courtesies have been measured rather by the caprice of individuals than the generous politeness which is the natural product of true Masonic brotherhood. While many of her members are Masons of enlarged minds, of great ability, of unflinching integrity and comprehensive philanthropy, and have shown themselves the friends of the Grand Lodge of New York and of her sister Grand Lodges, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, as a body, is insular, exclusive and peculiar. In different respects, its exterior boundaries encircle a system of Masonry that is unknown, in practice, to any other jurisdiction in the United States. It knows not, or if it knows, it studies not, the wants, wishes or opinions of its sister Grand Lodges in this country. It has little or no sympathy in common with the rest of the Masonic world. In derision and contempt of the universal opinions and practices of the Grand Lodges of this country, it continues its supervision and control over other branches of Masonry, from which, in deference to their wishes and to preserve harmony in the Masonic fold, it should have been long since separated. Its course, in this particular, has not only created party feuds among its own members, but has caused unpleasant discussion and irritation to the body of the Fraternity and to the governing Masonic bodies of the nation. With what propriety, then, if a mediation were proper or desirable, can the Grand Lodge of New York accept that of Pennsylvania and reject the Grand Lodge of Ohio, Massachusetts or Virginia? each and all of whom, in nearly all particulars we have named, may be said, with great propriety, to have moved in harmony with 'the music of the Union,' while Pennsylvania has not.

"The committee can hardly believe that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania are cognizant of the facts which are involved in one of the subjects that they propose to determine, which are afforded in the rebellion that took place in this jurisdiction in 1849. For the information of that body we will briefly present them. The Grand Lodge of New York, like all other Grand Lodges in this country, which succeeded the Provincial Grand Lodges previously established here, was formed by a convention of Lodges deriving their original authority from different sources, viz.: the two Grand Lodges then (1785) existing in England. In the month of June of that year, this convention, (the country having passed from under British rule,) threw up the authority of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and formed a Constitution for the government of the Craft as a sovereign jurisdiction. The Constitution thus adopted, contained a provision allowing Past Masters the privilege of membership in the Grand Lodge. There was doubtless much propriety in this provision, at that time, on account of the paucity of members in that body. In the various revisions of that instrument which had been made thereafter until 1848, this provision had been retained, with some other provisions of equal importance; and the latter are still retained. But in consequence of the privilege so given to Past Masters, the annual elections supplying a new Past Master for each Lodge, *ergo*, a new member of the Grand Lodge, every year, this class of members had become so large at the last named period, that it controlled and directed the legislation of the Grand Lodge almost entirely upon every subject in which they felt an interest. That body was made so cumbersome by their presence, participation, and often boisterous action, that legislation, justice and progress in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, were alike denied. The Grand Lodge was compelled, *ex necessitate rei*, either voluntarily to permit the dissolution of that body, to allow this class of irresponsible and sometimes turbulent members, to do the legislation of the Grand Lodge to the exclusion and destruction of the representative rights and powers of the Subordinate Lodges, or curtail the privilege of voting thus exercised by them. It chose to do the latter, which it did by the adoption of an amendment to the constitution, limiting the privilege of voting, exercised by this class, to the Past Master of each Lodge who had last past the chair thereof. The Past Masters who were thereby deprived of this privilege, retained, nevertheless, their membership in the Grand Lodge, and exercised all other powers and privileges undisturbed. The amendment referred to was adopted in the Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication, in 1848, and by a very large majority of the members present. We speak from recollection in expressing the belief that it was adopted by nearly a unanimous vote. After being so adopted, it was appended to the document containing the annual transactions of the Grand Lodge, under the head 'Proposed Amendments,' and in that form sent out to the subordinate Lodges of the State for their action. Of ninety-nine Lodges, then under this jurisdiction, fifty-nine took action upon it; fifty-six voting in favor thereof, and three voting against it; the balance not having voted. The returns of the Lodges having been made to the Grand Secretary, he and the Grand Master examined them, and in his address at the Annual Communication of 1849, the latter announced the result as above

indicated, and stated, that by virtue thereof it had become a part of the constitution. On this announcement being made, one of the party opposed to it arose and asked the Grand Master if he distinctly understood him that the amendment was adopted, and had become a part of the constitution of the Grand Lodge? To which the Grand Master replied, in substance, what he had before stated—that by virtue of the action taken, it had become a part of the constitution. (We don't pretend to give the words used.) But on this reply being made, the interlocutor before-mentioned, jumped up on one of the seats, and proclaimed, 'Then I declare this Grand Lodge dissolved; and I call upon all who are opposed to the amendments to unite with me in organizing a Grand Lodge.' Thereupon a number of Past Masters who were collected in a body near the East, sprang to their feet, and amidst cries and yells and imprecations that were disgraceful to a Masonic body, pretended to elect one of their number chairman, and went through the form of electing a list of Grand officers. During all this time the Grand Master was occupying the chair, with the gavel in his hand, frequently calling to order, to which no attention was paid by the discontents. When they got through with this part of the outrages, they seized the box containing the funds of the Grand Lodge which had been paid in by the representatives, then in the hands of the Grand Secretary, and with such other effects as they could get hold of, made off with them. A motion was then made by the Senior Grand Warden, who was still occupying his place, to adjourn the Grand Lodge to the next day, which was put by the Grand Master, and carried. At the time to which the Grand Lodge was thus adjourned, it convened and went on with its business.

"It is now objected by those who were engaged in the riot, and their sympathizers, that the amendment was the exercise of unauthorized power; that it was insufficient in form; that its execution was a violation of the compact of 1827; and that it was destructive of vested rights.

"We believe these to be the most prominent objections, the only ones, indeed, of sufficient weight to call for discussion, which afford any possible grounds for the rebellion. We will briefly answer them in their order; and,

"1st. The abstract power of amendment is undeniable. It may be exercised by all Grand Lodges. It was specifically given to the Grand Lodge of New York, in the original constitution, and in every revision of that instrument up to 1845; and this, without restriction as to any part thereof, except as to those laws of Masonry which are perpetual. Without stopping to quote from the constitution which was amended, other parts thereof on the same subject, it will be sufficient to give the language of Article I., in which the grant of this power is made; it reads: "Every Grand Lodge has an inherent power and authority to make local ordinances and new regulations, as well as to amend and explain the old ones, for their own particular benefit, and the good of Masonry in general; provided, always, that the ancient landmarks be carefully preserved," &c. The abstract authority to make an amendment is so plainly given here, that the committee are unable to employ any language to make it plainer. They will here leave it, believing that no sane mind can dispute its meaning. If, then, the abstract power of amendment existed, the Grand Lodge of New York was the proper and only party to judge of the time and circumstances requiring its exercise. Before any other Grand Lodge can do this for her, New York must cede her sovereignty to, or part with it, in behalf of that other Grand Lodge which may so assume to act for her, and this she has never done. New York being, therefore, the judge of the time and circumstances requiring the exercise of this power, she exercised it properly, and her act was binding upon her constituents; unless the act was rendered nugatory by one of the other objections we have named, and the first of these is: that the amendment was insufficient in form. Our impression is, that the seceders themselves never, in any of their arguments, pretended for a moment, that the amendment was defective in language. No exception whatever, to our knowledge, has ever been taken to the language. But the defect in form is claimed to have been in the manner of ascertaining and declaring the result of the action of the Lodges upon the amendment. This result was ascertained, and declared by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, as before-mentioned, from the certified returns of the Lodges sent in to the latter officer. The Constitution was entirely silent as to *who*, or *how* it should be ascertained and declared; nor had we any law or resolution upon the subject. Who, then, in such a case, is the proper officer or officers to do this business? Is it not the *duty* of the Grand Secretary to examine the returns; and who but the Grand Master shall declare the results, in the absence of a specific designation of the matters reported to him by the former officer? The Grand Lodge of Louisiana is to-day working under a Constitution that was proclaimed to be the organic Masonic law of that State by the President of a Convention, the yeas and nays having been taken down by the Secretary thereof. The first Constitution of the Grand Lodge of California was adopted by resolution; and although they are now acting under another and very different one, which was adopted by the Grand Lodge, it does not appear that any one but the Grand Secretary ascertained the result, and it does not appear that any one declared it, though it was, doubtless, done by the Grand Master. In the amendment of the Constitutions of the Grand

Lodges of the United States, the instances are very rare, where the result is ascertained by any one but the Grand Secretary, while their ascertainment occurs, in innumerable instances, by that officer alone; but in New York it was done by both the Grand Master and Grand Secretary. We have the certificate of both these officers on record. If their correctness had been disputed by the contumacious members, why did they not ask for a committee at the time, to examine the returns? No, on the other hand Mr. Phillips, the principal actor, admitted their correctness, by rising in his place and declaring the Grand Lodge dissolved (!) in consequence thereof, and, because it had changed the Constitution of the memberships of that body. Let us here inquire, in all sincerity, if in objecting to the form of the act, its objectors, in view of these facts, do not sacrifice the whole fact, proofs, and every reasonable aspect of the case, not to a form, for no form was prescribed, but to the shadow of a vision, and unreal at that?

"But it was a violation of the compact of 1827, say the recusants. This pretence is unworthy the intelligence of the objectors. The only allusion to Past Masters whatever, in that instrument, is contained in the following language, viz.: "The number of Lodges which one Master or Past Master may represent shall not exceed three. That Past Masters shall not be represented by proxy." The amendment limited the voting powers of Past Masters, as such, to the one who had last passed the chair. Does this amendment interfere with the privileges indicated in the above language of the compact? Does it limit the number of Lodges which a Past Master may represent? It says nothing on this subject. He may represent as many now as before. Does it restrict his authority to be represented by a proxy? That was done by the compact itself, which the amendment has in nowise limited. The amendment, therefore, has no possible reference to the compact. But, suppose it had swept that instrument from our records entirely, will Pennsylvania contend that the act would not have been lawful? Had the last generation any right to impose upon the present a local law that should be perpetual? There is not an instance, either in municipal or Masonic law, that affords such an example. No such power can be exercised. It has not been reposed in mortal hands.

"It is claimed, that the adoption of the amendment was destructive of the vested rights of Past Masters. This phrase, 'vested rights,' is a new one to Masonry. How frequent soever it may occur in civil, common or statute law, it is unknown to Masonic law. It does not occur in any Masonic treatise extant. Excepting in an isolated case in Ohio, where the interest involved was not of sufficient importance to deserve a discussion of the principle, it is doubted whether it was ever recognized in Masonic jurisprudence by a Grand Lodge. It certainly has not been regarded by our sister Grand Lodges, as instance—Mississippi, Louisiana, Florida and California, where 'rights' similar to those exercised by the Past Masters of New York have been, in some instances, abridged, and, in others, swept away entirely. If the act in the case of New York destroy her Grand Lodge, it destroyed each and all of these; for in each and all of them the repose of 'vested rights' was equally disturbed. But let us submit to our brethren of Pennsylvania, for we recognize among them some very able lawyers; is it a part or the whole of a Constitution which a person swears to support, if at all? Are the rights which accrue to him therefrom, abstract and independent of restraint; or are they subject to the qualifications and limitations imposed therein? They will at once tell us, that the whole Constitution—the rights and franchises, with the qualifications and limitations are taken together. We beg now to call their attention to a provision of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New York, which we have before copied, under which the seceders in this State, or their ancestors, took their right of membership. The same provision has been repeated, as often as our Constitution has been revised, for over fifty years, certainly, and we think for seventy years. It is, that the Grand Lodge may exercise 'power and authority to make local ordinances, and new regulations, as well as to amend and explain the old ones, for their (its) own particular benefit, and the good of Masonry in general, provided, always, that the ancient landmarks be carefully preserved.' Here is no limitation to the power and authority of making amendments, except as to the landmarks; but it does contain a limitation upon the privileges and rights growing out of it, that is, a reservation of power to enlarge or abridge their rights and privileges, and which they took along with the other provisions, and must be governed by it in ascertaining the extent and permanency of their franchises. If this be admitted, and it cannot be denied, without denying the entirety of the Constitution in its application to, and government of, its supporters, the action of the Grand Lodge was legal and just; for, we think we have before shown, that the Grand Lodge itself is the judge of the time and circumstances requiring an amendment.

"It occurs to the Committee that it should be stated there is a provision of our former Constitution, which provided that an amendment might be made in either of two ways: first it could be adopted by the affirmative action of the Grand Lodge thereon, at two Annual Communications; or the affirmative action of the Grand Lodge at one Annual Communication, and the subsequent affirmative action of a majority of the warranted Lodges. The latter course was pursued, as before stated. Thus much in respect to this branch of the subject.

"Shortly after the secession took place, in 1849, the Grand Lodge of the State, as well as the seceders, sent out to the various Grand Lodges of this country and Europe statements respecting the questions involved and the occurrences that took place. These documents were earnestly canvassed by most of the Grand Lodges in both hemispheres, and with an individual exception, the Grand Lodge of New York, to which this report is made, has been recognized as the true, lawful, and only Grand Lodge of the State of New York. The exception we have named was in the case of Saxony, which, in the recognition of ourselves, also recognized the seceders, as they would have recognized forty other Grand Lodges in New York, had claims therefor been presented. Scorning such action as this, as being abhorrent to the Masonic sentiment of the United States, the Grand Lodge of New York repudiated its action and *suspended intercourse* with the body which had adopted it. The only instance in the United States where specific action has not been taken, outside of Pennsylvania, is in the case of Georgia. And the reason why action was not there taken, as told to the Chairman of this committee by the late M. W. WM. C. DAWSON, Grand Master of that State, was, that "the pretence of the seceders to be the Grand Lodge of New York, was so absurd, that the Grand Lodge of Georgia did not or would not so much countenance their claims as to consider them." This conversation was held with the lamented Bro. DAWSON in the rotunda of the capitol at Washington, in January, 1855, in the presence of the R. W. Grand Secretary of New York. The relations of New York and Georgia have ever been the most cordial and fraternal; the learned and accomplished R. W. WM. S. ROCKWELL, one of the Deputy Grand Masters of Georgia, being our Representative near that distinguished body.

"The Grand Lodge of New York has at various times held out the olive branch to the seceders, and at one time threw its doors wide open again to receive them; many of them then returned, but the balance, who are yet maintaining their hostility to the Grand Lodge, declined the proffered boon. Our concessions have seemed to make them only the more stubborn; but the Grand Lodge has been severely criticised by many of our sister Grand Lodges, for the liberality thus extended. Nor can the Grand Lodge of New York, with any respect to the opinions of her sister Grand Lodges over the world, recede from the position she has heretofore taken, or disregard their solemn determination with respect to the legitimacy of our action by a submission of its action to the arbitrament of an umpire who may undo the whole. It would be an insult to their intelligence and candor for which New York could furnish no palliation.

"Let us proceed to other aspects of this proposition for a mediation.

"The committee are of the opinion that neither the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania or its officers are on those terms with the jurisdiction of New York which would justify the proposed submission. A change has taken place in these relations. That friendly feelings were entertained by her toward New York as late as 1848, is evident from the fact that she then adopted a resolution on the fraternal request of New York, forbidding the admission of visitors from this State unless they presented a certificate from our Grand Secretary. After the secession, in 1849, information was communicated to the officers of the Grand Lodge of this State, that some of the subordinate Lodges in Pennsylvania were pursuing a course calculated to encourage insubordination and perpetuate divisions among the Fraternity of New York. Yet, trusting in the presumption that the acts indicating this course were unknown to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania — that she could not long remain ignorant of them, and that as soon as informed, a correction would be administered, our officers forbore remonstrance until in 1852-3, when this committee called attention to it in the following language, viz.: 'If our information be correct, the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania has given encouragement to insubordination in this State, by allowing those who have been expelled by the Grand Lodge of New York to hold Masonic intercourse with their members, and to visit their Lodges with as much freedom as if they were in good standing. This is not only a discourtesy to the Grand Lodge of New York, but it is unmasonic on the part of those permitting it. If the Grand Lodge of New York is a regular Masonic body, (and we are not aware that this has ever been disputed by Pennsylvania,) the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania cannot but realize that she is winking at gross violations of Masonic obligations in allowing her constituents to fellowship with expelled Masons of this jurisdiction. Our information on this subject is not sufficiently authentic to call for an indication of any particular line of policy (then) to be pursued in the premises; yet this information is of such a nature that we cannot entirely disregard it; we therefore submit a resolution, which, if answered, will prepare this Grand Lodge to act advisedly when the matter is again brought before it.'

"The resolution submitted and then adopted, is as follows:—

'Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to correspond with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and request information whether that Grand Lodge permits its subordinate Lodges to allow the visitation of individuals therein who have been expelled by the Grand Lodge of New York.'

"The Grand Secretary informs this committee that the duty herein enjoined was punctually attended to; but from that day to this no answer has been received. We are led to

conclude, therefore, that the information received respecting this plain infraction of Masonic law and usage, and of Masonic duty on the part of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, was entirely correct; otherwise an answer would have been given, denying its correctness. The omission to answer the respectful and fraternal letter sent to them by the Grand Secretary may be reconciled with the character of her proposition for mediation in our affairs, if we rightly understand it; but it cannot be reconciled with Masonic civility. For the reputation of that body, this committee could wish in their hearts that this was the only act of incivility committed by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania toward New York, but it is not.

"The Committee on Foreign Correspondence of this Grand Lodge, in 1855, after speaking with great kindness of the affairs of Masonry in that State, proceed to say: 'While the committee are alluding to Pennsylvania, it is proper to communicate the information which we have received from W. Bro. ASAHIEL BUCK, of *Chemung Valley* Lodge, at Chemung, in this jurisdiction, that *Rural Amity* Lodge, at Athens, in the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, is in the practice of receiving petitions from, and making Masons of, candidates residing in the State of New York. The adoption of the resolution which was presented in 1853, and which was readopted in 1854, forbidding our subordinates from initiating *non-residents*, has not changed the minds of the committee that the abstrict right to make Masons of such exists on the part of any Grand Lodge; * * * * but as a matter of courtesy and fraternal kindness to our sister Grand Lodges, and in order to preserve the peace and harmony of the Craft, wherever, within the province and influence of this Grand Lodge, this most laudable object could be attained, the resolution forbidding such practice was adopted. And we very fraternally submit to our sister Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, whether these objects would not be promoted by the adoption on her part of a similar rule?' A resolution was adopted directing the Grand Secretary to communicate these views to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and to 'fraternally solicit their consideration of the subject.' The document containing these proceedings was sent, as we are informed, by the Grand Secretary; but, as in the former case, no reply to it has been made.

"It might be supposed, from the tenor of the foregoing proposition for mediation, as well as from what we have previously stated in regard to the admission of expelled Masons from this State into their Lodges, that those in regular standing in this jurisdiction would at least be admitted to visit the Lodges in Pennsylvania; but the fact appears to be otherwise. The Grand Secretary has placed in the hands of this committee a letter from one of our Past Masters, resident in this city, throwing light upon this subject, which reads as follows:—

'JAMES M. AUSTIN, Esq.,

Grand Secretary Grand Lodge, State of New York:—

'DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Having occasion, recently, to visit Philadelphia, Pa., I availed myself of the privilege as well as pleasure, (as I supposed,) of visiting one of the Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons of that city; but judge of my surprise, when I was refused admittance, with a certificate of our Most Worshipful Grand Lodge in my hand, on the ground that they (the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania) would not admit as visitors any Mason hailing from New York. Is there no remedy?

'Fraternally yours,

'P. S. VAN HOUTON,

P. M., *Abrams Lodge*, No. 20.'

"It is not impossible that this Lodge may have acted unadvisedly in the matter, but the grounds assigned for the refusal indicate a full knowledge of the feelings of that Grand Lodge, if not of some decision it has made, and if so, it would appear from this and the facts above related, that, while the enemies of the Grand Lodge of New York, who have been expelled by it, are permitted with entire freedom to visit the Lodges of that State, those who are in regular standing, so acknowledged by all the world besides, are refused admission. A complaint similar to the one above has been presented by W. Brother W. A. Carpenter, of *Hudson Lodge*, No. 7, and other brothers certify to similar cases of discourtesy.

"But we come to a matter equally pregnant with disfavor of, and discourtesy toward, the Grand Lodge of New York. In the month of September last, a new hall was dedicated in Philadelphia to *Masonry, Virtue, and Universal Benevolence*. The committee appointed for that purpose extended invitations to all portions of the country, and especially to the officers of our sister Grand Lodges, to come up and unite with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in the imposing ceremonials. We were informed through the *public press*, that vast numbers were in attendance, and that the *externals* of the scene were grand and impressive. It was an occasion in which those sublime objects, to whose cultivation and use all Masonic halls are dedicated, should have a practical development; for on such occasions it is that the generous votaries of Masonry, of whatever State or country, of whatever sect or denomination, attest their fidelity to and their veneration for the fraternizing principles of our institution; by brotherly greetings, the interchange of

fraternal sentiments, and by reciprocal pledges of devotion to the hallowed tendencies of the Order. But New York was not among the States to enjoy these privileges on that occasion. The Grand Lodge, Grand Officers, and the territory of New York were as unknown to the Committee on Invitations and the Grand Officers of Pennsylvania, as if they had not existed! That this discourtesy was intentional on the part of the ruling powers of the Grand Lodge, is evident from the circumstances we will relate. During a short sojourn of our Deputy Grand Master, in Baltimore, the week previous to that on which the hall was dedicated, he fell in company with Brothers Curtis and English, members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and the latter, as stated by the former, Chairman of the Committee on Invitations. On inquiring of Brother Curtis why it was that the Grand Lodge of New York had not been invited to participate in the celebration, he did not profess to be informed, but referred the Deputy Grand Master to Brother English, of whom he requested, in his official capacity, to know the reason for the omission. The answer was, that *he* or the *Committee*, (and the Deputy Grand Master does not recollect which,) was or were unable to determine which was the true Grand Lodge, and they had not, therefore, invited either. The Deputy Grand Master very properly remonstrated at such conduct, and claimed for our Grand Lodge not only that it was the Grand Lodge of New York, but that as such it had been recognized by the Masonic world, and tacitly, if not explicitly, by Pennsylvania herself. Brother English expressed his regret at the circumstance, and wished to enter into a discussion as to our right to be considered the Grand Lodge; which the Deputy Grand Master very properly declined, saying, in substance, that New York did not now feel called upon to prove her legitimacy before any committee or body of men. In the conversation with one or the other of these brethren, he is unable to say which, the Deputy Grand Master was apologetically informed that HENRY M. PHILLIPS, the Junior Grand Warden of Pennsylvania, and a relative of an expelled Mason in this State, 'had exercised a controlling influence' on this subject, 'upon the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.' He was also told that the action of the Committee was in consonance with the views and feelings of their Grand Lodge. It is proper to add that the tone of these brethren to the officer referred to was quite apologetic, and their demeanor entirely courteous and gentlemanly.

"One of the Past Grand Masters of New York, whose intelligence, exalted worth and Masonic fidelity have extorted the commendation of the Grand Lodges, both of our own and foreign countries, was accidentally present in Philadelphia on the day of the consecration — called there, not by the politeness of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, or its Committees, but by a dispensation of Providence, in the prostration of a near relative upon the bed of extreme illness. He was there with a name which for many years had reflected honor upon the character of Pennsylvania Masonry — which, in the person of his father, forty-four years previous, had consecrated, in the same place, and pronounced his benediction upon, the then most magnificent Masonic Hall in the Union, and through whose exertions the present owners are indebted for the very ground upon which their edifice is erected. His oration on that occasion is an eloquent commentary on the *measured* Masonry of his successors. The son of this revered and venerated Mason was there, in the person of a Past Grand Master of New York, whose own career reflects honor upon Masonry, but those who should have greeted him with a fraternal welcome 'passed by on the other side.' Stringent orders had been issued to receive no one from New York, under any circumstances. The Grand Master of Pennsylvania, the next day, very kindly invited him to visit the Hall, 'it being open to the public.' The invitation was, of course, declined. The Past Grand Master was, by another high officer of Pennsylvania, modestly reminded that they did not remember so far back as when his father presided over the Craft in that State, though he had thus presided for the long term of eight years. Brother MILNOR replied: 'We of New York have better memories; lapse of time does not weaken our attachment to those who, in past years, have devoted their energies to Masonry.'

"The Committee are authentically informed, that there was but one opinion expressed by the visiting Grand Officers present, which was that of disapproval of the course pursued by Pennsylvania. This course, we notice, has been severely commented upon since, especially by the Grand Master of Virginia, who, in his late annual address to the Grand Lodge of that State, referring to the dedication in Philadelphia, says: 'I regretted, however, to find, that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has not yet decided which of the organizations in our unfortunate sister, New York, is the legitimate Grand Lodge of that State. While I would not say or do aught to censure the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for her course, yet I cannot forbear to express the opinion, that by her tardiness, *she has inflicted a deep wound on that Masonic body in New York which all the other Grand Lodges in the Union have recognized as the lawful Grand Lodge of that State*, and which has borne herself so nobly under the severest trials. In consequence of this condition of things, no Mason, hailing from the State of New York, was invited to participate in the festivities. Had it been otherwise, had there been an *indiscriminate* admission of all hailing from that jurisdiction — of whatever organization — I, as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, could not have united with them, the Grand Lodge of Virginia

having recognized that Grand Lodge in New York, of which M^r. W^r. JOSEPH D. EVANS is Grand Master, as the *only* lawful Grand Lodge in that State, and declared all others spurious or clandestine. These things are to be deeply regretted.

"Considering, then, that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has, at no time, by any formal action, so far as we are informed, expressed a doubt about the legitimacy of the Grand Lodge of New York, but that, on the other hand, she has, by various acts, regarded our Masonic organization as regular and legitimate, from the date of its origin, unless a reservation may be made for the discourtesies above referred to; that she has treated our fraternal suggestions against her disregard of Masonic law and national comity with silent contempt; that she permits her subordinate Lodges to admit, as visitors, those who have been expelled by this Grand Lodge, while, at the same time, she refuses admission to those who are in regular standing in this State; that she treats the Grand Lodge of New York, and her vast constituency, numbering nearly double her own, with studious contempt, through marked indignities to her and their highest officers, and that, indeed, all Masonic intercourse with the Grand Lodge of New York, and her faithful subordinates and constituents, is *de facto* cut off by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, your Committee would have no hesitation, at this point of the discussion, in indicating the conclusion to which they have arrived, as to the form of the answer which should be given to the proposition that has been made on the part of that body.

"But, fearing that the sentiments heretofore expressed by this Grand Lodge may not have been considered by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, though those sentiments have been promptly conveyed to her in the transmission of our annual transactions, which have been regularly forwarded as issued from the press, the Committee deem it proper to repeat them as expressed, in declining the proposed mediation of Massachusetts and Virginia before referred to.

"They are in substance, and nearly in language, as follows:—

"1st. The Grand Lodge of New York rests upon the same foundation of Masonic law and Masonic principles that form the basis of all the other Grand Lodges of the Union; with the consciousness of this fact, it cannot permit itself to be placed in a position that might lead to a recession from the just and high grounds it has heretofore taken in preserving its honor and integrity.

"2. It cannot, with any regard to its dignity and prerogatives, allow itself to be placed upon an equality with those whom it has expelled; nor can it be a party to any measure which might lead to a restoration of an irresponsible representative power in the Grand Lodge which it has lopped off from a sense of imperious duty, and to preserve the jurisdiction from impending ruin.

"3. If we could persuade ourselves that it would be right or expedient for the Grand Lodge of New York, having a constituency nearly double that of Pennsylvania, including at least three-fourths of all the Lodges in the cities of New York and Brooklyn, with memberships outnumbering those of any other jurisdiction in the Western hemisphere, to dissolve our organization for the purpose of pacifying ten or a dozen contumacious 'Lodges' in the city of New York, there is nothing in the character of the *schismatics* affording any reliable guaranty against the repetition of the same scenes of violence and outrage with which their rebellion commenced.

"4. We conceive, that a proposition for mediation between the Grand Lodge of New York, or any other regular Masonic body, and the *Scottish Rite* organization, lately established in the city of New York, would require an abandonment of all self-respect, and would be conceding to them *some grounds* for continuing their unlawful assemblies, for which there is not now the shadow of a pretext. If the proposed mediation should be unsuccessful, in inducing them to abandon their organizations, it would be a *quasi* acknowledgment that they were right in their position.

"5. The individuals who resuscitated what they are pleased to call 'St. John's Grand Lodge,' are of such material that the Fraternity can derive no benefit from their connection with it, and it is the opinion of this committee, that it is far better for the interests of the Craft, that they should remain out of the Order than be permitted to return into it.

"A proffer of mediation to those bodies, in the city of New York, which pretend to derive authority for their Masonic existence from the Grand Lodge of Hamburgh, would, of course, be a direct acknowledgment to them and the Grand Lodges of Europe, that the principles of indivisible sovereignty and of Grand Lodge supremacy, which universally prevail among the Grand Lodges of the United States, are *matters of compromise*. To imagine, for a moment, that these principles are legitimate subjects of arbitration, is to imagine that the Grand Lodges of America can part with portions of their sovereignty, and yet maintain their rightful authority within their jurisdictions. If, instead of offering to compromise principles that are so important, so vital to the interests of Ancient Craft Masonry in this country—if, instead of, by tacit acquiescence in an invasion of this kind, encouraging it, as has been the case with Pennsylvania, the Grand Lodge of that State shall meet it at the threshold, and declare the *invaders to be such*, and forbid all fellowship with them and the authors of their encroachments, she will have performed a service that

the vital interests of Masonry demand of her, and she may, thereby, save her own territory from like encroachments.

"As to any refractory conduct on the part of any of the members of this Grand Lodge, or its subordinates, we have far greater confidence in the remedial measures that are within the power of the Grand Lodge to adopt, if these measures be not neutralized by encouragement to disaffection from abroad, than in any mediation that can be offered. If the lawful edicts and solemn acts of the Grand Lodge of New York may be set at naught; if its members may rebel against its authority and set up organizations for themselves, claiming, and being encouraged by propositions of compromise, and by being given the same privileges abroad as dutiful Masons, to exercise the prerogative of Masonic government; if indeed foreign invaders may plant their colonies within our territory, not only without reproof, but without notice on the part of Pennsylvania, these things may not only be done in that jurisdiction as well as here, but the Grand Lodge that will stand by and regard them with indifference and tacit encouragement, is not, to our minds, either the safest or best qualified in the world to determine the questions involved in the premises.

"Your committee, therefore, submit to the Grand Lodge the subjoined resolutions, and recommend them to its favorable consideration.

"Respectfully and fraternally submitted.

"FINLAY M. KING,
JOHN L. LEWIS, JR., } Committee on
SALEM TOWN, } For. Correspondence.

"1. *Resolved*, That in view of the considerations presented in the foregoing report, the mediation proposed by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, 'to the bodies of Masons' in this State be, and hereby is, on the part of the Grand Lodge of New York, fraternally and respectfully declined.

"2. *Resolved*, That until the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania shall treat this Grand Lodge with Masonic respect, and as an equal among the Grand Lodges of the Union, all Masonic intercourse between that Grand Lodge, and the Grand Lodge of New York be, and hereby is suspended."

The report was accepted, and the first resolution was adopted — the second being laid on the table by consent of the mover. We have copied this in full, not only because of its answer to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, but because it presents a general review of the history of the difficulties in New York, which will doubtless be read with interest by many in this jurisdiction not heretofore familiar with the facts of the rebellion of 1849 and the results consequent thereupon; and because, further, our strong desire to see that Grand Lodge maintain the proper and dignified attitude it has assumed towards the Masonic recusants within its territory, and our admiration of the ability which characterizes its published papers, impels us to lend our feeble efforts to give publicity to aught concerning that important subject among the Masons of this State.

A report from a special committee appointed at the previous Communication was presented, adverse to any sectarian allusions in the devotional exercises of the Lodges; and though we are firm believers in the doctrines of the Christian religion as set forth especially in the Episcopal Church, we subscribe to every word uttered in the report mentioned, upon the ground that Masonry has as little to do with religion (further than the belief in the existence, almighty power, and infinity of God) as it has with politics, Odd Fellowship, or the discovery of the Northwest Passage. We are sorry to see that the report was laid upon the table, as such action was in effect denying that principle of universality which probably not one of those voting for it would in terms deny, yet which they as effectually destroy by legislation which can only properly be characterized as bigoted in the extreme. We believe in Masonry in its broadest extent, governed only in its articles of faith by that one creed familiar to all who are acquainted with the ancient charges; and we think it would be no greater outrage against that one religious principle of the Order (the recognition of a Supreme Being) to exclude Christians, Jews or Mussulmen altogether from its mysteries and benefits, than to legislate, or refuse to legislate, in such a manner as to declare that the peculiar religious views of either should be incorporated in the ritual or devotional exercises of the Craft.

A resolution in favor of the proposed National Confederation was adopted. A committee reported, in answer to a question concerning the right of a Master to exclude a member of his Lodge, that he had "the legal right to exclude, *temporarily*, any Brother whatever," whose presence, in his opinion, would tend to disturb

the peace and harmony of the Lodge. This does not appear to have been acted upon, but it seems to us to announce simply that which the language of the ritual declares, and we have not a doubt of its correctness—the Master, of course, being responsible for the proper exercise of his discretion to a higher power. A report was presented and adopted in favor of a proposed amendment of the Constitution, depriving all Past Grand Officers, except Past Grand Masters, of seats in the Grand Lodge, by virtue of that rank. Sundry Representatives from other Grand Lodges were introduced and properly welcomed. The financial reports show the revenue of the year to have been \$16,005—the disbursements to have been \$15,076, of which \$3000 was invested for the Permanent Fund, making \$7000 now accumulated for that fund; and a balance in the Treasury of \$1512. Three hundred and forty-eight chartered Lodges and five under Dispensation now acknowledge the supremacy of the Grand Lodge of New York. The Communication continued five days, the *M. W.* JOHN L. LEWIS, Jr., having been elected Grand Master, and the *R. W.* JAMES M. AUSTIN having been reelected Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The latest intelligence we have received from this Grand Lodge is found in the proceedings of the Annual Communication, begun at the City of Raleigh, on the third day of December, 1855—when the *M. W.* CLEMENT H. JORDAN, Grand Master, presided, and the *R. W.* WILLIAM T. BAIN was Grand Secretary.

The Address of the Grand Master is principally devoted to matters of local importance. He speaks of the period, within his own memory, when the initiation into our mysteries was regarded almost as having entered into a league with Satan, and “when every Church in the land, with perhaps here and there a solitary exception,” was arrayed in the general crusade against the Order; and he contrasts it with the present time, when all the world seems desirous to join our ranks, and when our rolls are graced with the names of so many hundreds of the best and ablest of the Clergy. He mentions the having laid the corner-stone of St. John’s College, (an institution to be under the charge of the Grand Lodge,) on the anniversary of St. John the Baptist preceding; and considerable space in the proceedings is occupied with reports and other matters having reference to that establishment. We sincerely hope that our North Carolina brethren may have better luck with their project than has befallen similar efforts in other jurisdictions. He announces the formation of fifteen new Lodges, and recommends a reversal of the action of two years before, when the system of filling up the blank numbers with the names of new Lodges was adopted. We remark a very eloquent appeal from an old Lodge, *Phoenix*, No. 8, which was established by the Grand Lodge of Scotland before the Grand Lodge itself was constituted by that body in 1771, complaining of the injustice done by thus apparently placing the Lodges of the eleventh hour in front of those who had borne the heat and burthen of the day; and upon the report of a committee, the Grand Lodge receded from its late action, giving new numbers to the Lodges which had received the old ones, and restoring the original order of seniority. This we think is as it should be, not only as a matter of right to the elder Lodges, but because the history of Masonry in a State is thus likely to be better preserved. Grand Master JORDAN is opposed to the suggested Confederation of Grand Lodges, and at a later period the report of a committee was adopted, in accordance with his views, that “the plan was both ineffectual and inappropriate.”

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Bro. H. J. MACON. It is very brief, copying the proposed Articles of Confederation, and offering a few remarks, with extracts from the action of other Grand Lodges, on the subject of non-affiliation. In connection with this question, we note that a resolution was afterwards adopted, recommending to the subordinate Lodges “to protect themselves from the intrusion of non-affiliating Masons by imposing some amount for them to pay;” and we somewhat incline to the opinion that could such a regulation become general, it would be productive of great effect in the cure of the evil which has become one of such universal complaint. The financial reports exhibit an income during the year of \$1508, an expenditure of \$1630, and a balance on hand of \$269. The Historical Committee was continued. One hundred and sixteen chartered Lodges are now in active existence. The Com-

munication lasted five days, and the *M. W. P. A. HOLT* was elected Grand Master, and the *R. W. WM. T. BAIN* was reelected Grand Secretary.

OHIO.

For the first time in four years has it been our good fortune to receive the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of this State. The volume now before us contains the transactions of the Annual Communication, commenced at the Town of Zanesville, on the twenty-first day of October, 1856 — the *M. W. WILLIAM B. DODDS*, Grand Master, presiding, and the *R. W. JOHN D. CALDWELL* being Grand Secretary.

We observe a peculiarity in this jurisdiction, in first opening as a Master Mason's Lodge, and afterwards opening the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master in his Address gives a copious account of many local matters; speaks in appropriate terms of the decease of the *R. W. ABRAHAM DEATH*, a Past Deputy Grand Master of Ohio; and announces the issue of nine Dispensations to form new Lodges during the year. Four others were issued by the Deputy Grand Master. He comments upon the duty of a Committee on Charters and Dispensations, expressing the very proper opinion that besides merely examining the work of Lodges under Dispensation, which are applicants for Charters, it is their province to inquire into the necessity or propriety of their establishment in their various localities. He alludes to the prevalent rage for secret societies in language very similar to that used by Grand Master RANDALL, of Massachusetts, in his valedictory Address to the Grand Lodge of that State in 1854, but the facts and deductions therefrom are none the less true and worthy of consideration for being at second-hand. He, too, reprehends the practice of holding Masonic meetings in the same halls with other societies; and, although a Committee, to whom the subject was referred, did not sustain his recommendation to prohibit it, for the reason, doubtless, that it would cause great inconvenience and expense to many Lodges which had already made arrangements for such joint occupancy, yet none will doubt that the recommendation was correct, and we would suggest that in our own jurisdiction joint stock associations of that kind be hereafter discontinued. We are glad to see that he recommends the republication of the earlier proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, long since out of print, and that upon the report of a committee to whom the subject was referred, that body has adopted the suggestion, and ordered it to be carried into effect. This is certainly a matter which commends itself to the attention of all the older Grand Lodges, for could complete reprints of all the transactions of the several Grand Lodges of the United States be completed and interchanged with each other, what a valuable fund of Masonic information, history, and precedent, might be added to the library of each. The writer of this report takes some credit to himself for having practiced what he preaches, by rescuing from a very early oblivion the transactions of the first years of our own existence; and he hopes yet to see the proceedings of our elders grace the shelves of our infant library to a far greater extent than his efforts have thus far availed. Grand Master DODDS recommends a change in the time of meeting of the Grand Lodge so that it may take place soon after the elections in the subordinate Lodges, that thus the entire work of the year may be reported by the officers in charge during that period — a very wise and proper suggestion, as we think, and one which in another shape will be presented to the Grand Lodge of California at this Communication. He recommends a proper celebration of the semi-centennial anniversary of the establishment of the Grand Lodge, which will occur in January, 1858, and we note that at a later period it was ordered that a committee be appointed to take the necessary steps to carry out the recommendation.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of the *M. W. L. V. BIERCE*, a Past Grand Master of Ohio, and is a very interesting compilation of and commentary upon many of the questions which have been mooted among the Grand Lodges of the Union during the past few years. He gives a well-merited rebuke to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence in Delaware, for 1856, for their absurd tirade against such Committees generally, which we have already presented in its proper place, and of which we will only further say that it evinced more impertinent smartness than sound discretion or Masonic feeling. He comments upon the new regulations of Kentucky and Arkansas, which direct

the Lodges to receive and act upon applications for initiation in the first degree, and upon those for passing in the second, &c., and after expressing the opinion that Master Masons are probably better qualified than Entered Apprentices to conduct the business of a Lodge, he presents a *reductio ad absurdum* in the following language :—

“The greatest objection made to doing business only in the Master’s degree, is that an Entered Apprentice would, if guilty of an offence, have to be tried by those of a degree higher than himself. This is a new phase of Young America. Every person must be tried by those of as *low* a grade as himself. Thus minors ought to claim the right of voting and of sitting on juries, as otherwise they may be tried by laws which they had no hand in making, and by juries higher in legal rights than themselves.”

BRO. BIERCE commends the resolution at present existing on the statute-book of California relative to the powers of Grand Masters, and approves of our “New Regulation,” providing in certain cases for the trial of those officers. In another case, while speaking of our action, by an oversight he has been led into an error. He disapproves of our doctrine “that the right, so called, to visit masonically, is *not an absolute right*,” &c., and adds that “the Grand Lodge (of California?) subsequently laid down the ‘ancient landmarks,’ and in them contradicted their resolution. In their list of ‘ancient landmarks’ is ‘No. 8. The right to visit masonically is an absolute right, but may be forfeited or limited by particular regulations.’” It is difficult to imagine how our learned brother of Ohio should have misconceived so evident a quotation from New York, it being not only indicated as such by the usual marks, but by being printed in smaller type than the body of the report in which it is found. By again referring to the proceedings of this Grand Lodge in 1855, BRO. BIERCE will find not only that we have not thought it necessary to publish any “ancient landmarks” for ourselves, but that of all those then quoted from the Constitution of New York, that particular one, with one other, was commented upon and objected to by the committee who quoted it. The Ohio committee, like ourselves, is not favorably impressed with the prevalent mania for “Masonic Colleges,” and ventures the very just suggestion that, in these days, when the common school system of the various States places education within the reach of all, a better field for Masonic charity could be found in providing an Asylum for the widows and orphans of indigent Masons. There is much more in this report which we would be glad to notice, but we must conclude with a record of the assent of the Ohio committee to the legality of the new Grand Lodge of Canada.

A proposition was adopted that the State be divided into six districts, and that a District Deputy be appointed for each, to hold office for three years, so arranged that each year two shall retire and be replaced by others. These are to meet with the Grand Master and adopt a form of work, and thereafter each is to teach it in his particular district, and all are to rehearse it annually before the Grand Lodge. This looks like a good plan, *if* the officers appointed will do the duties assigned them. A long and affectionate obituary notice of BRO. JAMES D. CALDWELL, late Grand Secretary of Ohio, is presented. The financial reports exhibit disbursements to the amount of \$6642 during the year, and a balance of \$7295 in the Grand Treasurer’s hands. This Grand Lodge now numbers among its subordinates two hundred and forty-one Lodges existing under Charter, and thirteen under Dispensation. The Communication continued four days—the *M. W.* BENJAMIN F. SMITH having been elected Grand Master, and the *R. W.* JOHN D. CALDWELL, Grand Secretary.

OREGON.

The Grand Lodge of this Territory commenced its Annual Communication for the year 1856, at the town of Portland, on the 9th day of June—the *M. W.* J. C. ANSWORTH, Grand Master, presiding, and the *R. W.* BENJ. STARK being Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master, in his Address, offers a fraternal tribute to the memory of several members of the Order who had fallen during the recent Indian war. He announces the issue of a Dispensation to form a new Lodge at Portland, for reasons which he considered sufficient, notwithstanding the fact that the chartered Lodge at that place had not given the recommendation required by the Constitution; and the Grand Lodge approved his action, as the new Lodge was char-

tered at this Communication. He is of the opinion, and in this we heartily coincide with him, that after a candidate has been regularly elected and has taken the first degree, the peremptory and unexplained objection of a single member ought not to be considered sufficient to stop his advancement. He is then a *Mason*, and is entitled to certain rights as such; and among them we believe is that of having such objection investigated, that it may be known whether Masonic or improper reasons have been the cause of it. A portion of Grand Master AINSWORTH's suggestion in this connection, however, we beg leave to express our dissent to. The proposition that "if on examination he is found guilty of an offence, or if he has deceived the Lodge, and proves to be other than he was represented," the Master should "expel him on his own motion," too much resembles an actual occurrence in that jurisdiction some two years ago, to be included in our general assent to his opinions on the subject of initiates. We took occasion, in our report of 1855, modestly to notice the suspension of a Mason *by the Master of a Lodge*, "on his own motion," as something new to us in Masonic jurisprudence; and as we perceive that the notice has given some umbrage to our neighbors in Oregon, as appears by their Report on Foreign Correspondence in 1856, we propose, at the proper place, in the language of a Western friend of ours, to "make a few brief and impertinent remarks" thereupon. Bro. AINSWORTH approves of the system of Grand Lodge representation, as lately recommended by New York, and we perceive that an exchange of representatives has already been agreed upon with that body, the *R. W. BENJ. STARK*, now Deputy Grand Master of Oregon, being named there to represent New York. He again urges upon the Grand Lodge the subject of a uniformity of work, recommends the adoption of a uniform code of By-Laws for the Lodges, and strongly advocates the necessity of continued exertions to accumulate a fund for educational purposes.

The Deputy Grand Master reported the issue of another Dispensation. Reports were received from the Grand Inspectors of the Southern and Central Districts. A committee to whom a portion of the Grand Master's Address relative to border jurisdiction was referred, reported that legislation upon the subject was unnecessary, approved the past action of the Grand Master, and recommended that it be left hereafter to his discretion. A resolution was adopted, "To obtain further light:—that this *M. W.* Grand Lodge instruct the present *R. W.* Grand Secretary (who is about to visit the East) to obtain all Light and Masonic knowledge practicable from the older Grand Lodges with whom he may confer in the States, etc." A jewel was voted to Bro. BENJ. STARK, the then Grand Secretary, who, in consequence of his proposed journey to the East in search of more light, declined a re-election to that office; and a committee was appointed "to investigate the claims of the *M. W.* BERRYMAN JENNINGS, Past Grand Master of Oregon, against the Fraternity in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of California." It strikes us that if our brethren in Oregon will read the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of this State at its last Communication, they will find that Bro. JENNINGS' claim has already been "investigated" by the only body whose action is likely to have any effect upon it.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is presented by Bros. BENJ. STARK and B. JENNINGS. It is very brief, referring, with the exception of a matter mentioned below, only to the formation of the new Grand Lodge in Canada, which they cordially approve, and the recognition of which, as recommended by them, was adopted by the Grand Lodge. After a summary disposition of this subject, the Committee do us the honor of a "first rate notice" as follows:—

"We recur to the transactions of our neighbor of California, for the purpose of calling the attention of her highly accomplished Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence to the fact, that in the elegant essay on Masonry in general, and resumé of Masonic transactions of other Grand Lodges in particular, emanating from that Committee, (*Anglicé*—our report of 1855) an inaccurate statement is made concerning our Grand Lodge. No such occurrence as the one alluded to has taken place within our jurisdiction, and consequently has not been approved by our Grand Lodge. We cannot make this plainer than it will appear to our learned friends, if they will carefully read the authorized publication of our proceedings."

Now, without stopping to express the immense profundity of our obligations to our too complimentary Brother of Oregon for the very flattering (?) expressions contained in the foregoing, we shall waste some time in the endeavor to

convince him that we do "carefully read the authorized publications," (those sent us by himself,) and, by so doing, exhibit to him how unsafe it is to make assertions like those above quoted, in the very teeth of the facts as published under his own supervision. In our report of 1855, while presenting an abstract of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, the following paragraph occurs:—

"We remark one occurrence among the proceedings which, with our limited knowledge of the extent of Masonic powers and prerogatives, seemed somewhat singular—the *suspension* of a Mason, for refusal to obey a summons, *by the order of the Master of the Lodge*. And this act was approved by the Grand Lodge, although the offending Brother was restored by its order. We had heretofore supposed that such power of punishment resided in the Lodge alone, and was then properly exercised only after charges were preferred and a fair trial offered."

It will be seen that the certainly not very offensive form of dissent therein expressed was directed solely to the question of the *right of a Master of a Lodge*, by his own will, and without action of his Lodge, to *suspend* a Mason from all the rights and privileges of the Order. It was our impression at the time, that the act was in consequence of the refusal of the party thus dealt with to obey a summons, and we so recorded it. But that was a mere incident. It would not have mattered to us whether that was the real cause, or whether he had stood on his head in open Lodge, or whether, as it is now averred was the fact, he treated the authority of the Master with contumely, so far as this mode of punishment was concerned. Our simple opinion was that *the Master* had no right to assume *such* powers for *any* cause. That he might have caused the offending member to be led out of the room, that he had the power to exclude him thereafter from the meetings of the Lodge, (his proper exercise of such power being always subject to the scrutiny of a higher authority) we presume no one will doubt; but in all our reading of the works of many Masonic writers, and with a tolerable knowledge of the proceedings of those Grand Lodges of the world with which this Grand Lodge is now in correspondence, we do not remember that we ever heard before of a *Master* exercising the plenary power of suspension or expulsion. Now this was the "occurrence" which we noted, and the language in which it was mentioned could have given offence only to those whose cerebral cuticle was exceedingly thin indeed. Yet the Oregon Committee now declare that "no such occurrence as the one alluded to has taken place within our jurisdiction," and this unqualified and wholesale denial would naturally enough lead to the conclusion that no suspension in such a manner had therein been ordered. In answer to this we will only quote, *verbatim, literatim et punctuatim*, from a page of the proceedings of that Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication in June, 1854:—

"Your Committee of Grievance, to whom was referred the case of *suspension* of Chas. Hutchins, *by the Worshipful Master of Willamette Lodge, No. 2.*; have examined all the papers and records in the case—and find that in addition to the evidence of insubordination as appears by the records, that the accused stated previous to the time the difficulty occurred—that now claims the attention of your committee: that he was the Senior Deacon of *Willamette Lodge*. Which he subsequently denied and *refused to answer a summons* under the seal of his Lodge, because as he alleged that the summons did not refer to him, as it was directed to Chas. Hutchins, Senior Deacon of *Willamette Lodge, No. 2.* It has also come to the knowledge of your committee, that while under suspension by W. M. of *Willamette Lodge, No. 2.*—that accused has visited a Lodge or Lodges in California, thereby showing his utter disregard for the proceedings had against him in his own Lodge. (?) While your committee deeply regret that they are called upon to pronounce against one, who, previous to this act of insubordination, sustained an unexceptionable Masonic character; yet believing as we do, that the right of the Worshipful Master to call *any* member to fill any station or place in the Lodge, is not at all to be questioned, and that the accused as appears by the evidence, did wilfully refuse to obey the order of the W. M.; and notwithstanding every effort was made by officers of the Grand Lodge and others—as well as the W. M. himself, to *effect a treaty*, yet he utterly refused the advice of his brethren and rejected all propositions for accommodation. We therefore feel it our duty in view of all this, to recommend that the Grand Lodge *sustain* the action of the W. M. of *Willamette Lodge, No. 2.* in *suspending by his own authority*, for an offence committed against his authority; and which, your committee are of the opinion should be punished *by the Master without reference to the Lodge*; and while your committee are of the opinion that Chas. Hutchins has acted in violation of the

principles of our Order : we would recommend all the charity that could be extended under the circumstances. * * * * *

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. C. AINSWORTH,
A. W. FERGUSON, } Committee."
B. JENNINGS,

Although it was unnecessary to copy a great part of the foregoing, as a charge of untruth, in effect, lies against us, we have thought it proper to give every word of the report, so far as it relates to the case at issue, without presuming to correct slight errors in construction or bad luck at punctuation ; and in order to show how it was acted upon by the Grand Lodge, we copy the following also from the proceedings of that session :—

"In relation to the suspension of Bro. C. Hutchins, the following resolutions were submitted, viz. :—

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge *fully sustain* the course pursued by the W. M. of Willamette Lodge, No. 2, in the case of Bro. C. Hutchins, and *entirely approve* of the judgment rendered by the W. M. in that case."

"*Further Resolved*, That for these and the further reasons set forth in the report of the Committee on Grievance, it is hereby ordered that the sentence against said Bro. Hutchins be perpetual."

These were "laid upon the table for the present," after some time spent in their discussion ; but at the evening session of the same day, the following record appears :—

"The resolutions reported by the Committee of Grievance now lying upon the table, were taken up, and the first resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge."

"On motion, the second resolution was amended, and the amendment, as follows, was adopted by the Grand Lodge, viz. :—

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge recommend that the M. W. Grand Master or his Deputy, cause the said HUTCHINS to appear at some Stated Communication of Willamette Lodge, and that he be reprimanded by the M. W. Grand Master or his Deputy, and reinstated to the rights and privileges of Masonry."

So much for the careless assertion that "no such occurrence" had taken place, and the equally heedless one that it "consequently has not been approved by our Grand Lodge!" Our brief notice in 1855 embodied these simple propositions—that a Mason had been *suspended by the order of the Master, only*—that this act had been *approved by the Grand Lodge*—and that notwithstanding this approval, the offender had been restored to his Masonic privileges by its order ; and it seems to us, upon reviewing these transactions, that we most assuredly did "carefully read" them at the time we wrote, and that unless the pamphlet sent us by Bro. STARK himself be *not* an "authorized publication of our (their) proceedings," he has not, in the report now before us, been very scrupulously regardful of that tenet of our profession which is said to be a "Divine attribute, and the foundation of every virtue." If he had wished to take exception to the *cause* we gave for the exercise of the authority assumed by the Master of Willamette Lodge, how easy it would have been to say so ; and in such case we would have acknowledged, as we now do, without hurting us much, that upon another reading of that which we have just quoted, it does appear that that cause was not the only one—indeed was not the principal one which induced the act. Granting, if it so be wished, that it was not any one of the causes at all, (though that admission would hardly be compatible with the early portion of the report of the Grievance Committee,) what matters it ? It is as palpable as the sun at noon-day, not only from the simple words themselves, but from the manner in which they were italicised—"the suspension of a Mason, for refusal to obey a summons, *by the order of the Master of the Lodge*;"—that our notice in 1855 was intended to be a denial of any such authority in the Master at all, and not an inquiry into or discussion of the particular reason which induced its assertion ; and were it possible to suppose a dullness of comprehension that could not perceive it from that portion of the text, such suppositions obtuseness must have been enlightened by the concluding paragraph. The fact is that it *was* perfectly well known, if not through the evident meaning of the language of our report itself, through the unmistakeable words of the an-

swer to a letter which we received from the chairman of the Oregon committee, foreshadowing a dread onslaught upon us from that source, if we did not make some satisfactory *amende*. We hope the one now presented will prove so; but when the flat denial of an absolute fact—nay, series of facts—shall be withdrawn, and it shall be *proven* to us that the Master of a Lodge may “by his *own* authority” suspend a Mason, we will endeavor to present a better one. It only remains to be added that the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence in Oregon, was the Master of *Willamette* Lodge at the time of the “occurrence.” “*Hinc illae lachrymae!*”

We should not be making a sufficient response to the courteous attentions of our beloved Brother of Oregon, were we to leave him thus; and it is no part of our intention to permit the unpalatable dose of an inferential charge of untruth to be administered to us, albeit it may be mixed with some sweet condiments composed of “accomplished chairman” and “elegant essay,” without well paying the cost of the prescription. “Such instances as that to which our attention is now being addressed,” says he, still in allusion to our inoffensive remark in '55, “are not calculated to weaken the force of our conviction of the soundness of the views we entertain, touching the legitimate duty of a Committee on Foreign Correspondence.” Now, for aught we have ever seen from our dear Brother which could lead us to any particular opinion upon the subject of his “views,” they may be very “sound” indeed. He has been the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence since the formation of the Grand Lodge of Oregon. In 1852, his report—the first presented—consisted of an acknowledgement of the receipt of the proceedings of Vermont and California, and a brief quotation from the proceedings of the last named body—in all less than half a page. In 1853, the proceedings of sixteen Grand Lodges are “cursorily glanced at” in five pages, without the expression of a single opinion upon any subject. In 1854, his report—a fraction over a single page—consisted of a resolution to recognize Minnesota, ten lines to give us the startling information that there was “distraction” in New York; as many more to notice the Louisville Convention, and some not particularly original remarks upon “the necessity of eternal vigilance at the door of initiation.” In 1855, the report—then swollen to two pages and a half—was composed of the announcement that it was deemed a duty *not* to express any opinions, as a general rule; of a half dozen lines to say that any further notice of the “unhappy feud” in New York was unnecessary; of a copy of the Articles of Confederation proposed at Washington; and of a resolution disapproving them. In 1856, the report before us, half a page suffices to prove most satisfactorily that “not to extend the right hand of fellowship and respond promptly to the fraternal greetings of this new *American* Grand Lodge, (that of Canada) would be to strike a blow at the legitimacy of every Grand Lodge formed within the American Union since the organization of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, in the first year of the present century.” Beyond this it is said that among the proceedings of all the Grand Lodges of the Union, with a complimentary (?) exception in favor of ourselves, there is “nothing requiring especial attention from the committee;” and about half a page more is given then to our benefit, upon the subject already presented.

Now while we do not pretend to find fault with the brevity of these reports,—that, as well as the matter, or lack of matter, they contain being of no especial concern to us—we have presented this synopsis of them for the purpose of showing that these constitute the recorded data by means of which we are to be instructed in the “legitimate duty of a Committee on Foreign Correspondence.” *Dolce far niente*, say the Italians. Our Brother of Oregon has improved upon the saying by asserting it to be a *duty*, as well as pleasure to do nothing. He does not believe it to be orthodox to question the august “decisions of Grand Masters,” or to “intimate doubts of the wisdom, propriety and regularity” of the action of Grand Lodges “upon questions carefully considered and solemnly adjudged.” Did it ever occur to him, (and in asking this question we do not mean to refer or give offence to the Grand Lodge of Oregon) that the *solemnity* with which an absurdity might be decreed, would give no particular assurance that it was any the less absurd? or that there may possibly be some Grand Masters not so well versed in Masonic law and usage, as others, less elevated in nominal Masonic rank, who have devoted years to reading and writing upon those subjects? For

ourselves, we humbly acknowledge our own Masonic youth and inexperience, but we do not deem it any great exaggeration to say, that among the Grand Masters of the United States there are always at least a dozen whose aggregate opinion upon questions of Masonic jurisprudence we would not value half so much as the single ones of MACKAY, MOORE, KING, GILMAN, or others we could name, who, in their capacities as the writers of Reports on Foreign Correspondence, have not unfrequently been guilty of the great heresy anathematized by our good Brother of Oregon. That the positive and unexplained denial of a plain and recorded truth, may not be "the course best calculated to promote harmony, &c.," we have no hesitation in admitting; as it will probably be apparent that such a method of refutation does not at all *harmonize* with our opinions in regard to the proper manner of conducting an argument upon Masonic or other subjects: and we now take leave of the matter, with the frank expression of our annoyance that a statement, conveying upon its face a charge of untruth against us, should have compelled us to waste some hours of valuable time in its treatment.

An educational fund of \$1201 has already been accumulated in Oregon. The financial reports show that \$483 had been received during the year, and that \$866, including \$500 loaned, had been disbursed, leaving a small deficit of \$5. There are now twelve chartered Lodges in the jurisdiction. The Communication lasted four days, during which the *M. W. A. M. BELT* was elected Grand Master, and the *R. W. WILLIAM S. CALDWELL*, Grand Secretary.

RHODE ISLAND.

The proceedings of this Grand Lodge, now before us, embrace the Quarterly Meetings of August and November, and the Semi-annual Meeting, December twenty-seventh, 1855; the Quarterly Meetings of February and May, 1856; and the Annual Communication on the twenty-fourth day of June, of that year — the *M. W. OLIVER JOHNSON*, Grand Master, presiding, and the *R. W. WILLIAM C. BARKER* being Grand Secretary.

At the meeting in May the Grand Master presented his Address. He announces the death of the *M. W. ALVIN JENKS*, a Past Grand Master of Rhode Island; states that he had installed the officers of every Lodge in the State except three; expresses the opinion that officers reelected should be reinstalled; disapproves the practice of double membership; and closes with an exhortation to the brethren so to conduct themselves in all the walks of life, as to maintain the true dignity of our profession. At this meeting the election for officers was held, resulting in the choice of those who served the year before. A singular custom seems to prevail of going into "committee of the whole" on these occasions, and calling some other than the Grand Master to preside.

A Report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Bro. SULLIVAN BALLOU, who seems to differ somewhat from our bilious brethren of Delaware on the subject of the usefulness of such papers.

"There is no more gratifying evidence," says he, "of the true and lasting prosperity of the Institution than the character of the various reports from the Committees of the several States. They seem to vie with each other in the amount of learning that can be brought to enlighten and adorn the history, condition, prospects, character, and practice of the tenets of the Order; and by their suggestions, comments and criticisms upon the action of the Grand Lodges abroad, they produce a constancy of sentiment, strengthen the bonds of our Universal Brotherhood, and dispel much of the dark mists of other ages that still hover around our Institution, and conceal its lofty beauty and sublime architecture."

Bro. BALLOU discusses at some length the project of a Confederation, which he does not approve; and thinks that the present system of exchanging with each other their respective opinions and proceedings, will do more towards effecting concordance of usage and unity of action among the many Grand Lodges of the Union, than any organization of that kind could possibly produce. He presents the Virginia system for ensuring the perpetuity of a uniform and correct mode of work, in terms of commendation; gives several pages to the interesting decisions of Grand Master HUBBARD, of Ohio; and offers much besides which lack of time prevents us from taking note of. We regret that the proceedings of California were not received by our brethren of Rhode Island, as they were most assuredly sent.

The Annual Meeting, on the day of St. John the Baptist, was devoted to the election and installation of officers, and the celebration of the festival. There was a service in church, an Address, a dinner consisting of "almost every article the market affords," music, singing, and a good time generally. The Finance Report exhibits a receipt of \$350 during the year, an expenditure of \$501, and a balance due the Grand Treasurer of about \$75, which he was authorized to borrow. Fourteen chartered Lodges now exist in the State, being one more than we chronicled in our last report.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

It is our misfortune ever to receive the proceedings of this Grand Lodge too late to notice them until an extra year has passed by. Those now before us are for 1855, comprising one Special and four Quarterly Meetings, and the Annual Communication and Feast on the twenty-seventh day of December — the *M. W.*. ALFRED PRICE, Grand Master, presiding at each Communication, and the *W.*. ALBERT G. MACKEY, being Grand Secretary.

At the January meeting a resolution was adopted that the proceedings at the late celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina be heremetically enclosed in a brass box, bearing an inscription that it was not to be opened for one hundred years (from 1854); which box was to be placed in a bank, or other secure place, and the proceedings of each year hereafter are to allude to it and its place of deposit, that it may not during that long period be forgotten. Thus the brethren of the Palmetto State will be enabled in after times to see how their progenitors did things "a hundred years ago."

At the Quarterly Communication in December, Bro. A. G. MACKEY presented his customary Report on Foreign Correspondence. He adheres to the doctrine that neither the Master or Wardens of a Lodge can resign, inasmuch as at their installation they "have solemnly promised to perform the duties of their respective offices for the time for which they have been elected." Suppose imperative necessity required their removal from the scene of their labors to another part of the world. Must their private interests be sacrificed for the purpose of *literally* fulfilling that promise? Is not the general instruction that Masonic duties are not to interfere with those which we owe to ourselves, our families, or our country, an inferential qualification of such a pledge? Bro. MACKEY urges the adoption of a uniform code of By-Laws for the government of Lodges under dispensation, and in this, as well as in his opinion that any member of a Lodge in good standing, who has paid up his dues, is entitled to withdraw, we are happy to say that the Grand Lodge of California agrees with him. He pays a well-deserved compliment to Louisiana *Relief* Lodge, No. 1; and we hope in another year, that a similar organization within our own limits will have earned from him an equally favorable notice. A few very appropriate remarks are given to matters in New York. He says, very correctly, that "the effect of the dissensions in that State have been unintentionally exaggerated by the writers of reports for some years past," and that the results of these dissensions are felt much more abroad than at home. "The schismatic bodies," says he, "are rapidly dwindling in numbers and respectability, while the strength and influence of the legal Grand Lodge are as great among all true Masons there as in any other jurisdiction." And he is of the opinion that the pseudo Masonic bodies of the city owe their present puny existence rather to the "notices and comments, denunciation and abuse which they have received from other jurisdictions, than to any principle of vitality which is inherent in themselves." He alludes to the new Canadian organization, with the expression of the opinion that "it is not to be doubted that the Grand Lodges of the United States will, with one accord, extend the right hand of fellowship and recognition to this, their youngest sister." From a constructionist so strict, and an expounder of the law so conservative, we are somewhat surprised to hear this; and we are inclined to the opinion that at the time he wrote he could hardly have received full information on the subject.

The Annual Communication and Grand Feast occurred on the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist. The financial reports show a revenue for the year of \$5254, an expenditure of \$5104, and a balance on hand of \$254. Sixty chartered Lodges and one under Dispensation now exist in South Carolina. The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were both reelected.

TENNESSEE.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee for the year 1856, was commenced at the City of Nashville on the sixth day of October—the *M. W.*: JOHN S. DASHIELL, Grand Master, presiding, and the *R. W.*: C. A. FULLER being Grand Secretary.

The Address of the Grand Master is devoted principally to a notice of the destruction of the Masonic Hall in Nashville, by fire, and a sketch of the life of the *M. W.*: THOMAS CLAIBORNE, the first Grand Master of Tennessee, lately deceased.

The Report on Correspondence is by Bro. WILKINS TANNEHILL, Past Grand Master of that State, and is a very good abstract of the proceedings of the various Grand Lodges. The report of our committee last year on the subject of the new Grand Lodge of Canada is quoted from, and the opinions of the Tennessee committee in regard to that question are promised in another place; but it appears to have been forgotten, much to our regret, as we would have been glad to have heard from a Mason so distinguished as Bro. TANNEHILL upon that important matter. We perceive that the Grand Lodge appropriated three hundred dollars for his services in preparing the report.

The Financial Report shows a revenue of \$3354, an expenditure of \$2784, and a balance in the Treasury of \$7967. One hundred and eighty-eight Lodges are now existing upon the registry. The Grand Lodge was four days in session, during which the *M. W.*: THOMAS McCULLOCH was elected Grand Master, and the *R. W.*: CHARLES A. FULLER was reelected Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.

Our last intelligence from this Grand Lodge is to the twenty-first day of January, 1856, when its Annual Communication was commenced at the City of Galveston—the *M. W.*: E. B. NICHOLS, Grand Master, presiding, and the *R. W.*: A. S. RUTHVEN being Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master, in his Address, laments the decease of the *M. W.*: JOHN A. GREER, a Past Grand Master, and the *R. W.*: JOSEPH C. HARRISON, a Past Deputy Grand Master of that State; and announces the issue, by himself, of seven Dispensations to form new Lodges. Besides these there were three issued by the Deputy Grand Master, and some two or three dozen, more or less, by the several District Deputies. Of course we do not wish to intrude upon the domestic concerns of our brethren of Texas, but it seems to us that the authorizing eighteen persons within one jurisdiction to create new Lodges is permitting that prerogative to “lay ’round loose” to a very liberal extent.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. ANDREW NEILL, and we regret that time does not permit us to note the many interesting matters it contains. He is pleased to compliment the manner in which the proceedings of this Grand Lodge were prepared in 1855, and he commends its action in sundry instances in that year; and we take the occasion to express our thanks to him for his few flattering words in behalf of our report at that time, albeit he has, naturally enough, attributed it to another.

We observe the report of a committee, adopted by the Grand Lodge, which, after reciting the facts of a case where a candidate had been blackballed and declared rejected by the Master, and where the Lodge had then been called off, and again called on the following day, when the ballot was reconsidered and the applicant elected, declares that the Lodge in so doing acted in accordance with the spirit of one of the resolutions of the Grand Lodge, and that it could not be censured, consequently, for the course pursued! Ought not *that* resolution to be rescinded then? The reconsideration of such a vote at a subsequent meeting is certainly not in accordance with the general usage in the United States, and we believe that the Constitution of Texas itself prescribes a period of time within which the application of a rejected candidate shall not be acted on again. A new Constitution was presented and ordered printed for the consideration of the Lodges. Eleven of the sixteen District Deputies presented reports. From the Grand Treasurer’s Report the receipts for the year appear to have been \$5560, the expenditures were \$3787, and there remained in the Treasury \$5151. One hundred and sixty-one chartered Lodges and six under Dispensation now exist in

Texas, as appears from the published list. The Grand Lodge was six days in session, during which the *M. W.* F. B. SEXTON was elected Grand Master, and the *R. W.* A. S. RUTHVEN was reelected Grand Secretary.

VERMONT.

The Grand Lodge of this State begun its Annual Communication for the year 1856, at the city of Burlington, on the ninth day of January, — the *M. W.* PHILIP C. TUCKER, Grand Master, presiding, and the *R. W.* JOHN B. HOLLENBECK being Grand Secretary.

A considerable portion of the Grand Master's Address is devoted to a beautiful eulogy upon the Masonic career of a distinguished brother, lately deceased, the *M. W.* NATHAN B. HASWELL, — who for more than seventeen years preceding the advent of Bro. TUCKER in the Oriental Chair of Vermont, had occupied the Grand Master's seat in that Grand Lodge. The issue of two Dispensations to form new Lodges is announced ; and the proposed plan of a Confederation is presented, but in our necessarily hurried examination of the proceedings, we do not perceive that any action was had upon the subject. We believe, however, that Vermont looks favorably upon the proposal. Sundry correspondence relative to the so-called "Prince Hall Grand Lodge," a colored institution in Massachusetts, is presented, and it very unmistakably appears that the venerable and distinguished writer does not consider negro Masonry legitimate in the United States.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is presented by Bro. L. B. ENGLISBY. A special committee on the subject of the new Grand Lodge of Canada, presented a very able report, concluding with a resolution to recognize that body, which was adopted. The receipts for the year past were \$351, and the expenses appear to have been \$227, leaving some \$125 on hand. Thirty-six chartered Lodges and one under Dispensation are now in existence, being one more than we last year mentioned. The session continued two days, and the Grand Master and Grand Secretary were both reelected.

VIRGINIA.

The Grand Lodge of this State commenced its Annual Communication for the year 1856, at the city of Richmond, on the eighth day of December. — the *M. W.* JAMES A. LEITCH, Grand Master, presiding, and the *W.* JOHN DOVE being Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master in his Address announces the issue of fourteen Dispensations to form new Lodges during the year ; and acknowledges the compliment paid to the Grand Lodge of Virginia by the Universal Masonic Congress lately assembled at Paris, in the appointment of Bro. DOVE as one of the Permanent Commission of five named by that body. He complains of the looseness of practice among the Lodges, in the trivial and merely formal examination to which candidates for advancement are subjected ; and we perceive that the Grand Lodge has undertaken to remedy it by requiring, as we do here, that the applicant shall exhibit thorough proficiency in the first section of the degree which he has received, before being admitted to another. He also mentions the fact that many of the Lodges had fallen into the error of initiating two, three, or more candidates at once and by the same ceremony ; the excuse therefor being a plainly erroneous construction of the Constitution of Virginia, (in that respect copied from Anderson,) which declares that "No Lodge shall make more than five new brothers at one time, unless by Dispensation." This is generally understood to mean what the nature of our ceremonies makes it very evident it *ought* to mean, that not more than five should be made at any one meeting of the Lodge ; and the Grand Lodge of Virginia has now defined it thus, by a resolution forbidding the Lodges "from conferring any portion of either degree, except the explanatory lectures, upon more than one candidate at a time." The Grand Master notices the decease of the *M. W.* J. W. SMITH, a Past Grand Master, and of the *R. W.* THOMAS LAMBERT, a Past Grand Warden of that jurisdiction ; and he calls the attention of the Lodges to the scanty contributions which have been made of late for the relief of the widow of Grand Master HUNTER.

A Report on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by Bro. JAMES EVANS. He alludes briefly to the subject of non-affiliation, which has engaged the attention, more or less, of all the Grand Lodges in the country, and a resolution was adopted, inflicting the usual deprivations upon those who neglected to join a

Lodge. The subject of the Congress held at Paris is mentioned, and a full copy of the proceedings had thereat is appended to the report. The unwillingness of Virginia to recognize the new Grand Lodge of Canada, as recently established, is again expressed; and various other matters are ably treated which we have not now time to present.

Resolutions were adopted prohibiting the conferring of "Side Degrees;" directing that petitions for initiation should *not* thereafter be referred to committees; (why not?) forbidding the Lodges to act upon so-called "cases of emergency" without a Dispensation from the Grand Master; and disapproving of the practice of electing to "honorary membership," when such election exempted the brother thus honored from all or any of the requirements of Masonry. The receipts from all sources were \$2407, the disbursements \$2808, and the balance on hand, \$377. Besides this, there is a funded property amounting to \$16,250. One hundred and forty-five chartered Lodges and one under Dispensation are now in existence, being four more than we last year named. The Communication continued three days, during which the *M. W.* JOHN S. CALDWELL was elected Grand Master, and the *W.* JOHN DOVE was reelected Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of this State for the year 1856, was begun at the City of Milwaukie, on the 10th day of June,—the *M. W.* HENRY M. BILLINGS, Grand Master, presiding, and the *R. W.* WILLIAM R. SMITH being Grand Secretary.

The Address of the Grand Master is brief. He notices the death of the *R. W.* DWIGHT F. LAWREN, a Past Deputy Grand Master of that jurisdiction, and recommends that provision be made for his only child, left destitute; and we remark that at a later period the Grand Lodge set apart a sum to be paid annually for her use. He announces the issue of eight Dispensations to form new Lodges during the year; and expresses his approbation of the system of District Deputies lately introduced by that Grand Lodge.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Bro. H. L. PALMER. It briefly offers an abstract of the proceedings of twelve Grand Lodges, all which had been received, without indulging in any comment on their action. The Canada subject was referred to a committee, who are to report at the next Communication. The financial reports, as nearly as we can ascertain, both the Grand Secretary and Treasurer being apparently disbursing officers, show an income of \$2805, and an expenditure of \$2547, and there remained on hand an amount in loans, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, of \$5607. Sixty-nine chartered Lodges and five under Dispensation now exist in Wisconsin, being thirty-one more than were named in our report of 1855. The Communication lasted four days, the *M. W.* HENRY L. BAIRD being elected Grand Master, and the *R. W.* WILLIAM R. SMITH being reelected Grand Secretary.

CANADA.

It had been our intention, after a careful examination of the proceedings of the various Grand Lodges of the United States by whom opinions have been presented relative to the late organization of the body known as the "Grand Lodge of Canada," and of the arguments and authorities which have been adduced in favor of and in opposition to the propriety and legality of its formation, to have offered an analysis of them all at such length as would have enabled the brethren in this jurisdiction to judge for themselves of the reasons which induce the conclusion to which we have arrived upon this subject. But the little time which remains to us before the annual meeting of our Grand Lodge, and the many other duties now crowding upon us in other capacities connected with it, render that impossible; and we can only at this time present the results of such action as has thus far been taken by the several Grand Lodges of the Union, with our own suggestions—promising at a future day, if it shall then seem expedient, to present a more satisfactory report upon this really important question.

The Grand Lodges of Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Oregon, and Vermont, have acknowledged the right of the new organization, and have recognized and welcomed it. In Maine, Ohio, and South Carolina, committees have reported in its favor, but no action was had by those Grand Lodges. The committee in Louisiana appears for it in one place, and against it in another. The committee in Connecticut reported in favor of its acknowledgment, but the Grand Lodge refused the recognition, as have also the Grand Lodges of Alabama, Missouri, New York, Massachusetts, and Virginia. The opinion of Maryland is, beyond all doubt, adverse, and Illinois, for the present, declines to take definite action in regard to it. In Vermont alone, on the one hand, has any particular argument been published in support of this Masonic Declaration of Independence, and that is certainly a very able one indeed. In New York and Massachusetts only, on the other hand, have appeared any exhibition of reasons for opposition to it, and these to us seem very weighty ones. In truth, comparatively inexperienced as we must confess ourselves to be, we do not hesitate to say that when three such Grand Lodges as those of Massachusetts, New York and Virginia unite in opinion upon a question of such consequence, we should deem it presumptuous in ourselves to set up an opposing one, even did we entertain it. But we do not in this instance. Sincerely as we sympathize with our Canadian brethren in their efforts for an independent organization, and gladly as we would welcome them to the family of Grand Lodges, could their entry be effected in a legitimate and Masonic manner, we cannot feel it consonant with our duty to recommend their recognition now. The able and judicious report presented to this Grand Lodge at the last Communication by the committee to whom the eloquent appeal of the "Grand Lodge of Canada" was referred, met our hearty approbation; and as we perceive by a communication received from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West during the past year, that the whole subject is now before the Grand Lodge of England, with some prospect of a satisfactory termination, we shall suggest no other action than that proposed last year by Bro. CURTIS.

SCOTLAND.

We acknowledge the receipt of the Grand Lodge of Scotland's Reporter, dated March 27, 1856. It gives only a list of the Grand Officers, Past Grand and Provincial Grand Masters, and other members of the Grand Lodge. From this we learn that the *M. W.* the Duke of Athole is still Grand Master, the *R. W.* J. WHITE MELVILLE, Deputy Grand Master, the *R. W.* Lord LOUGHBOROUGH, Substitute Grand Master, and the *R. W.* WM. ALEX. LAURIE, Grand Secretary. As nearly as we can understand by the roll given, there are now two hundred and forty-seven Lodges in existence upon the Registry of Scotland, of which about forty are without the Kingdom, in various parts of the world.

PRUSSIA.

Several communications have reached us from the GRAND NATIONAL MOTHER LODGE OF THE THREE GLOBES, at Berlin.

The first, dated the twenty-fourth of June, 1855, gives an account of the celebration of St. John's Day, and of the 115th anniversary of the existence of that body, and presents the oration delivered on the occasion by Bro. DIEBEL. The second, dated September sixth, 1855, notices the opening of several new Lodges—the installation of others—the fiftieth anniversary of the election of Bro. MAROT in the Grand Lodge, and a vote of thanks for his long and faithful service,—and the singular fact that Bro. EGGERS had initiated his seventh son in one of the Lodges, himself and six other sons acting as the officers of the Lodge! It is also stated that a communication had been received from the Grand Lodge in Germany, announcing that new attacks had been made upon the Order by the Catholic clergy in Silesia; and it is noted that the Grand Lodge of Saxony had refused to acknowledge a so-called Masonic body in Amsterdam, bearing the name of "*Post nubile lux*," until the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands should recognize it. The third communication, dated November second, 1855, gives the proceedings of a "Mourning Lodge" held that day, when the names of all

the brethren who had died during the year were presented, and a eulogy was pronounced by the Grand Orator, Bro. SCHÜLLER. The last, dated the sixth of December, 1855, speaks of the celebration of the twenty-fifth election of Bro. SCHARROW as Master of *Ferdinand* Lodge, at Magdeburg, and presents a letter of congratulation upon the event, sent him by the Prince of Prussia. It also devotes some space to the action of the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands, and of the Grand Lodges of Darmstadt and of Frankfort, and other German Grand Lodges, relative to certain proceedings of the Grand Orient of Belgium.

It will be recollected that we last year noticed that this body had rescinded one of its rules, which forbade the discussion of political or religious subjects in the Lodges under its control, thus declaring that such questions *were* proper subjects for introduction into those bodies. This, naturally enough, is looked upon as an infraction of the universal Masonic law, and the Grand Lodges above named have forbidden all intercourse with Belgium, until the obnoxious action shall be reconsidered, as we had previously noted that the National Mother Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Saxony had done. The *M. W.* Bro. MESSERSCHMIDT is Grand Master, and the *R. W.* Bro. MERTEN is Grand Secretary.

THE UNIVERSAL MASONIC CONGRESS.

We last year noticed the fact that an assemblage bearing the above name had been invited to convene in Paris during the time of the Great Exhibition in that city; and we then presented a copy of the decree of Prince LUCIEN MURAT, Grand Master of the Masonic Order in France, announcing the convocation of that body on the first day of June, 1855. Its proceedings have since been received, and although the *results* arrived at could be set forth in a single page,—as the transactions in themselves are somewhat interesting, and as they will probably prove so to our readers in this jurisdiction, not so much for their intrinsic importance as because they serve to show the way our brethren of the Eastern Hemisphere conduct Masonic business,—we have concluded to present them entire, as a sort of appendix to our report.

The publications show that there were present the following:—

His Royal Highness, the PRINCE LUCIEN MURAT, Grand Master of the Masonic Order in France;

HEULLANT and RAZY, Assistant Grand Masters of the Masonic Order in France;

BOUBEE, BRAS LAFITE, BUGNOT, DARRAGON, DOUMET, FAULTRIER, GOUT DES MARTRES, HOUTELET, JANIN, JOBERT, aîné, LAILLER, LEZERET, MONGENOT, MORAND, MOUTON, REXES, DE SAULEY, TANQUEREL, and WENTZ, members of the Council of the Grand Master of France;

FRANCIS McCOWAN, Delegate from the Lodge of Edinburg, (*Mary's Chapel*) No. 1, Scotland;

G. PARKER CUMMINGS, Delegate from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, U. S. A.;

The EARL OF DONOUGHMORE, and THOMAS J. QUINTON, Delegates from the Grand Lodge of Ireland;

FARNELL, Delegate from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Munster, Ireland;

HERBERT LLOYD, DONALD NICHOLL, and SIR HART MUGGERIDGE, Delegates from the Grand Lodge of England;

DINWIDDIE B. PHILLIPS, Delegate from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, U. S. A.;

The CHEVALIER DE ROSENTHAL, Delegate of the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands;

And P. CLAUDE, Secretary General of the Order in France, as Secretary of the Congress.

It is stated that the following Delegates had been appointed by other Grand Bodies, who were not enabled to be present:—

From the Grand Lodge of New York, JOHN D. WILLARD, Past Grand Master;

From the Grand Lodge of Sweden, BARON AUG. STJERNSTED, Master of Ceremonies and Chamberlain to his Majesty;

And from the Grand Orient of the sable Empire of Hayti, the Very Illustrious Brothers, General DE DELNA, Comte DE DAMMARIE, Grand Chancellor,—the Baron DE DUKAS, Senator of the Empire,—and ARDOUIN, also a Senator of the Empire!

The following Masonic Grand Bodies are also noted as having sent their adhesion to the Congress, without having appointed delegates, viz. :—

- The Grand Lodge, *Alpina*, Orient of Basle, Switzerland ;
- The Grand Lodge, *Archimede*, Orient of Gera, P'te. de Reuss ;
- The Grand Lodge of Hamburg ;
- The Supreme Council of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg ;
- The Grand Lodge of Louisiana, U. S. A. ;
- And the Grand Orient of the Kingdom of Saxony.

The proceedings of the Congress were as follows :

“ UNIVERSAL MASONIC CONGRESS.

ASSEMBLED AT THE ORIENT OF PARIS, IN JUNE, 1855,

By decree of His Royal Highness, Prince **LUCIEN MURAT**,

Grand Master of the Masonic Order in France.

PREPARATORY SESSION.

THE SEVENTH DAY OF THE FOURTH MONTH }
of the year of the True Light, 5855, (June 7, 1855.) }

The session was opened under the Presidency of the Assistant Grand Master of the Order in France, **HEULLANT**. Bro. **CLAUDE**, Secretary General of the Order in France as Secretary of the Congress, by order of the Prince Grand Master.

The illustrious President pronounced the following Address :

“ **VERY ILLUSTRIOUS BROTHERS :—**

“ The grand and beautiful idea of a Universal Masonic Congress, conceived by his Royal Highness Prince **LUCIEN MURAT**, Grand Master of the Masonic Order in France, receives to-day a just consecration by your presence in this preparatory session. To-morrow, our most illustrious chief will direct, in person, the official opening of the Congress. When you have heard his speech, inspired by the noblest sentiments, dictated by strong and pure logic, you will felicitate yourselves, illustrious Brothers, in surrounding a Mason so worthy ; and redouble your ardor in advancing, with him, the glory and prosperity of the Order.

“ For myself, illustrious Brothers, I am happy and proud that the execution of an act so important as that for which we are met, has been confided to me. Surrounded by Masons of a rank so superior in the profane world, decorated with such high Masonic titles, I fear to find myself excited beyond my mission ; your indulgence, illustrious Brothers, your fraternal aid, on which I rely, and my sincere devotion, will supply the qualities which have been denied me. Animated by a wise and pure philosophy, aspiring to the same object, the glory and prosperity of the Order, we shall always march in accord, and our deliberations will be distinguished by good sense and a truly fraternal union.”

After the address, the credentials of the Foreign Delegates were read, verified, and acknowledged to be regular.

The Brothers of France by their President Grand Master, expressed their acknowledgments for the flattering terms in which those credentials are written.

The Brother, the Earl of **DONOUGHMORE**, asked if the Congress could discuss other propositions than those made by the Grand Master of France ?

The illustrious brother **HEULLANT** replied, that every member of the Congress has the right to make propositions ; but that it is indispensable, in order to save labor, that those propositions be presented in writing.

A communication from the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, announcing that it had named Brother **WILLARD** as a delegate, but that it was doubtful whether that brother could arrive in Paris in time for the opening of the Congress, was then read.

There was likewise read the Commission of the Grand Lodges of Saxony and Hamburg, and also a Commission of the French Lodge, La Tolerance, No. 784, Orient of London, who regret that they are not able to send deputations, but who entirely sympathize with the idea of the Very Illustrious Grand Master of France, and express a wish for the success of the object which the Prince has conceived—the convocation of a Universal Masonic Congress at Paris.

The Assistant Grand Master announced that the Prince Grand Master would open the session of the Universal Congress to-morrow, at three o'clock, P. M.

OPENING SESSION.

THE EIGHTH DAY OF THE FOURTH MONTH }
Of the year of the True Light, 5855, (June 8th, 1855.) }

Opened, in the usual form, by the very illustrious Bro. HEULLANT, Assistant Grand Master of the Order.

The Honorable Bros. BOUBEE and MORAND, members of the Council of the Grand Master, holding the second and the third mallets. The bench of the Orator is occupied by the illustrious Bro. BUGNOT, member of the Council of the Grand Master; that of the Secretary by Bro. CLAUDE, Secretary of the Congress.

The Assembly confirmed the credentials verified in the preparatory session.

The Brother, Master of Ceremonies, announced the arrival in the waiting room, of the very illustrious Prince LUCIEN MURAT, Grand Master of the Order.

The entire Assembly arose to surround and welcome his Highness.

Each Brother is bearer of a star, and provided with a sword. The very illustrious Grand Master, accompanied by the deputation, and preceded by the Master of Ceremonies, entered the Temple, where he was received, mallets beating; all the members standing in order.

Arrived at the Altar under the arch of steel, he was received by the Assistant Grand Master HEULLANT, who expressed to him how much all the illustrious Brothers were delighted by his presence, and the opportunity of acknowledging those eminent services which he never ceases to render to the Order; and presented to him the gavel.

The Grand Master graciously returned thanks, invited the Brothers to resume their places, and pronounced the following discourse:—

“MY VERY DEAR BROTHERS:

“Receive here the very sincere thanks which I express in my name, and in that of the entire Fraternity. The foreign Orients who have chosen to reply to the call which I made to them, as the organ of French Masonry, have felt the necessity there was for us, a society of beneficence, to close up our ranks.

“After forty years of peace, war renders our mission more difficult; in renewing our zeal, it furnishes us the opportunity of showing to the profane all that is grand and generous in our institution. Our mission is a holy one; we labor to render men better; and, in order to accomplish this object, we appeal only to the noble and generous instincts. Love, Fraternity and Charity are the sentiments we invoke.

“It has been said; ‘Bad kings engender republics, and bad republics engender royalties.’ Very well, my brothers, for men animated with bad passions, all government is bad; for those who know how to curb their desires, and who are inspired with the love of their fellow-man, every government is good. It is for this, that, in its wisdom, Masonry has excluded all discussions of politics. It is easy, in effect, to govern good men, who have only in view the love of their fellow-man. It is the same in a Masonic point of view with religion. All men who believe in the existence of a Supreme Being, the Great Architect of the Universe; who believe in the immortality of the soul, and consequently in an eternal well-being; every man who feels the love of his fellow-man vibrate in him, is acceptable among us. Our mission is, then, to render man better, or rather to cultivate that which is good, and to repress all that is bad.

“Our mission is great, you see; but every thing in the world is judged by comparison; we cannot but be gainers by frequent convocations, and by studying the most efficacious means to strengthen the bonds which unite us to each other. I have said, after forty years of peace, a war, of which no one can foresee either the length or the result, comes to revive the zeal of every Mason. Each change of government which has taken place during many years, in weakening the prestige attached to each of them, has given more force to public opinion, which all governments are now obliged to respect. It is then a service which Masonry renders, not only to humanity, but to the government itself, whatever its form, when it directs the opinion of the masses toward Virtue, Fraternity and respect to the laws.

“My very dear Brothers, if I have been able to make you comprehend my thoughts, you will feel like me, the necessity of extending the influence of Masonry in the world; and you will devise, before we separate, I hope, some means of attaining that object. It is necessary that a Brother, whatever may be the country which he inhabits, whatever may be the flag under which he serves, may find a fraternal hand always ready to alleviate his sufferings; and that every government, finding itself strong in the philanthropic support

which they will find among the people elevated and instructed by us, setting aside national rivalries, may, among the people whom they are called to govern, find only Brothers."

This discourse, listened to by the Assembly with the most perfect attention, was crowned with applause.

The very illustrious Grand Master added :

"My very dear Brothers, we labor in a common cause ; we seek to destroy some of the imperfections of our Order ; what institution of humanity has them not ? Let us do it. Under the inspiration of this thought, we obtain true amelioration, true progress, only by wise measures, well matured, and indicated by experience. We shall thus successfully achieve that good which we all so ardently wish.

"My Brothers, the Universal Masonic Congress is open."

The illustrious Bro. DE ROSENTHAL, pronounced the following discourse : —

"A concurrence of circumstances, independent of my will, has placed me at the head of the column of the South, in this august Convocation ; I feel myself, then, obliged to respond, by a few words, to the speech, abounding in wisdom and paternal benevolence, by which the illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Orient of France has just opened this first solemn session of the Universal Masonic Congress. Believe me, my very dear Brothers, that, without the sentiment of this obligation, of which I cannot divest myself. I should have hesitated to speak in an idiom which is not mine, and which I have only learned for the purpose of study and ordinary conversation.

"But beyond this circumstance of necessity, which, in every case, gives a claim to your indulgence. I find, even in the composition of this assembly, motives of confidence, which you will easily appreciate. I find myself in France, and I speak now, to Frenchmen. Among all the fine qualities which distinguish this eminent and chivalrous nation, all strangers delight in acknowledging that polished good will, which supports and encourages all those who endeavor to express themselves in their language. Then I find myself in the midst of Brothers, who know how to use the Masonic trowel to cover the defects of an off-hand address in a foreign language.

"In fine, that which is of the highest importance, I address the Very Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Orient of France, whose high social and Masonic position, and private virtues, impose respect, but whose good will and fraternal reception which I desire to acknowledge, with the most lively gratitude, inspires, yes, I dare to say it, draws, from the heart the most unlimited confidence.

"Charged with a Masonic mission, to you, my dear Brothers, I feel impressed by duty, and by an attachment without bounds, in calling your attention to the noble Prince, of whom I have the honor to be the representative in this solemn Convocation. When I say prince, I have not the least pretension to surround the name of a true Mason, in all the force of the term, by a borrowed éclat, such as belongs to the profane world ; but, notwithstanding, it may not be uninteresting to inform you that that noble Brother belongs to the illustrious house of Nassau, which, during the course of centuries, has presented to the admiration of the world many valiant captains, many profound politicians. It is that noble race, of which the celebrated historian, MACAULAY, wrote that magnificent eulogy, that 'Providence seems to have set it apart, in order to form everywhere, defenders of Truth and Liberty.' If such a eulogy is merited, as I flatter myself you will acknowledge it to be, you will feel, my very dear brothers, that in like manner is established the vocation of a descendant of that illustrious house, in the defence and in the propagation of the principles which we profess.

"But this has only an indirect relation to the position which I occupy at this moment amongst you ; I delight more to speak of the very venerable and very illustrious Grand Master of Freemasonry, in the kingdom of the Pays-Bas. During the long years that this noble brother has been at the head of Freemasonry in the Netherlands, his attachment to the Order, his devotion to its institutions, his desire to preserve it from innovation—to confirm it, above all, in its spirit of Fraternity, in all the Masonic extent of the word—to bring it back to its true principles, have never ceased, nor even cooled. To sum up my ideas, it delights me to repeat here, what in a solemn Convocation of brethren, and amid their applause, I have heretofore expressed as my profound conviction, namely, that I have been uncertain whether the princely quality of the noble brother was enhanced by his Masonic virtues, and his truly fraternal spirit, or his character as a Brother, by his princely virtues.

"Of the forty years, as Masonic Grand Master, which this noble Brother has now completed, I have had the inappreciable advantage of being, for thirty years, without interruption, a member of his Council. In the intimate conversations generally succeeding the sittings of the Council, the question as to the history and future of Freemasonry, has often arisen. In these conversations, a fact, having relation to this Congress, had often appeared to our minds, which I will endeavor to explain in a few words. Without stopping at anterior Masonic Congresses, the authenticity of which seems still to be doubtful to

many brothers, we were astonished, that in the twenty-five years which have preceded the total political overthrow of the eighteenth century, many Masonic Congresses had been convoked, either in Germany or in France; and, that since that epoch, to my knowledge, no Convocation of this nature has been proposed.

"The necessity then, for a better understanding, for drawing closer the bonds of Fraternity, had been felt at the time; and although the well-known results of those Convocations may have been beneath what we had a right to expect of them, it is none the less established, that the necessity of closer union, of better understanding, of purification, were profoundly felt, and had left their traces in the minds of contemporaneous brethren. Now, has this necessity never been felt since the political event of which I have spoken? Is it by some chance coincidence that these general Masonic meetings ceased nearly at the same time, or are these two events connected by some mysterious bond? When I deny such a bond, I am certain of being historically correct, and of obtaining your approval.

"As to myself, I believe, that the errors which so soon defiled the generous ideas of that remarkable epoch, and which even swept in their current some Masonic Lodges, excited terror in the hearts of true Masons, who, without abandoning their real principles, preferred, for many years, to act a negative part, and if I may so express myself, to follow in the wake, rather than lead in the front of civilization and progress, to the danger of allowing the sacred fire to be extinguished by the torrents of unbridled passion. I am confirmed in these views by the evident fact that since the storm has been succeeded by a calm, the need of closer union, of more intimate correspondence and reciprocal instruction, has again been felt by true Masons; taking hitherto the form of affiliation, of representation, of isolated correspondences, clearly indicating the spirit at work among Masons, there was needed as a completion a Universal Congress. This day we behold it realized.

"You will easily comprehend, my very dear brothers, that this disposition, or rather this progress of mind, not escaping the clear judgment of my Illustrious Grand Master, nor the appreciation of those who formed his council, the call which emanated from the Grand Orient of France must necessarily meet among us a sympathetic reception. Thus, without the least fear of the possibility of a check to this generous enterprise, my Illustrious Grand Master, by the unanimous assent of his council, unhesitatingly answered your call; and the Grand Orient of the Pays-Bas, which assembled after my departure, gave its unanimous approval to the act of the Grand Master and his Council.

"Perhaps I am dwelling too long on what may seem to belong to my country, or to the Masonic power which I represent here; but at the solemn moment when we are about to discuss general Masonic interests, it has not to me seemed entirely useless to represent to you in what sense my mission has been conceived and accepted; and a faithful narrative of our views in this respect, appears the most appropriate means to attain that object.

"Very Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Orient of France, it is with the sentiments that I have just traced that I turn toward you, in order to express to you my most lively acknowledgments for the noble and benevolent words that you have been pleased to address to us. They will find, I am convinced, a sympathetic echo in the hearts of all true Masons spread over the surface of the two hemispheres. The name which you bear, Very Illustrious Brother, is traced in ineffaceable characters on the pages of history. Among all the glory acquired on the field of battle in the first years of this century, the name of **MURAT** shines with a brilliancy bright and pure. It is surrounded with a crown of heroism which approaches to fabulous times; and, if I dare to use such an expression, the glory appertaining to his memory seems sufficient for many generations. Your son, who, in his young and tender years, is already the pride of his noble parents, will renew, or will augment, if possible, the brilliancy of the name which he bears.

"But there was wanting, until now, (excuse the freedom of my thought) a title of human glory; you have acquired it. The generous idea of the Convocation of a Universal Masonic Congress belongs to you; and if, as we have the right to hope, Freemasonry enters this day the most glorious phase of its existence, posterity, as we do at this moment, will accord to you the honor. Be not, then, discouraged, Very Illustrious Brother, in seeing the columns of this Temple so slightly furnished. You had a right to expect more eagerness in answering your call; but as a seed sown in a fertile soil necessarily bears fruit, thus a grand and noble idea, although less appreciated at the time of its first emission, will soon or late unite all hearts in its favor.

"The Supreme Architect of the Universe will give His benediction to the work so nobly commenced by you."

After this discourse, many times interrupted by numerous marks of approbation, the Illustrious Brother **DE ROSENTHAL** desired the foreign Brothers to join with him in saluting the Convocation of the Congress.

The salute was given with great enthusiasm.

The Very Illustrious Grand Master, Prince **MURAT** said:—

"I thank you very particularly, my Brother, for the flattering speech which you have addressed to me. Nothing could be more agreeable than the choice of such a brother as you; and here I thank very sincerely, his Royal Highness Prince FREDERIC, of the Pays-Bas, your very illustrious Grand Master."

The Assistant Grand Master HEULLANT thanked the illustrious Brother ROSENTHAL, and replied to the noble speech of that Brother, by assuring him that Masonry in France is not ignorant of the services which have been rendered to the Masonic Order by the Prince FREDERIC, of the Pays-Bas, during forty years occupied as Grand Master.

With the consent of the Grand Master, the Illustrious Brother HEULLANT, desired to join with him in applauding the sentiments expressed by the Illustrious Brother DE ROSENTHAL.

That applause was given with enthusiasm.

The Brother the Earl of DONOUGHMORE, (Ireland,) pronounced a discourse, which we regret not being able to report exactly in his own words.

The illustrious Brother, expressing the most elevated Masonic sentiments, declared, in the name of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, his sympathy with all the wishes of the Grand Orient of France, for the prosperity of our institution. He asked that the daily discussions of the different propositions submitted to the Congress, might take place out of the temple; as it might be possible in this way to speak without the observance of a succession of formalities which at times are injurious to the utility and to the force of the discussion, and in all cases cause a loss of time that is precious, which every member of the Congress desires to employ to the perfecting of the Masonic institution.

Marked assent followed the above.

"Very Illustrious Grand Master, and all of you, my Brothers," said the illustrious Brother McCOWAN, "I have great difficulty in expressing myself in French, and fear I shall not be able to translate my sentiments, not being familiar with the French language. I ask, then, permission to address you in English."

The Very Illustrious Grand Master replied:—

"I accord to you that authority the more willingly, that many Brothers of this assembly understand the language in which you ask to speak."

The Illustrious Brother McCOWAN, (Scotland,) then pronounced the following discourse:—

"Very Illustrious Grand Master, and very illustrious Brothers—My Brothers of Scotland have desired me to convey to you their lively appreciation of the noble motives which have induced you to collect, in this Congress, the brethren of all parts of the world, and that they accept, with cordial earnestness, the hand which you have held out to them.

"They coincide, most sincerely, with the sentiments which you have so remarkably expressed. They hope that this Congress will have the happiest results for Freemasonry and the Fraternity in general; and that the bonds of Fraternity and Friendship which have existed for so many centuries between Scotland and France, will be still more intimately and strongly cemented.

"I regret very much that the Brothers who are joined with me, of Naples and London, could not, in consequence of delay in opening the Congress, partake in it as they would have wished to do.

"We form for you the most ardent vows, and I shall carry with me to Edinburgh the most grateful remembrance of the amiable reception which you have bestowed on my Brothers and me. Finally, I pray you, Very Illustrious Grand Master, to receive the assurance of fraternal regard and of my most distinguished sentiments, and to believe me your devoted Brother."

The illustrious Brother DINWIDDIE B. PHILLIPS, (Richmond, United States,) pronounced the following discourse:—

"Most Illustrious Grand Master—I regret that the Grand Lodge of Virginia, which has honored me by naming me its representative to this Congress, did not choose a Brother more capable of filling the high functions which necessarily devolve on him who is charged with such a mission. I am strongly convinced of my incapacity to fill the honorable and elevated position in which it has been pleased to place me. Nevertheless, I shall strive, by all possible means, to prove myself worthy of its confidence. Allow me, Very Illustrious Grand Master, in the name of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, to assure you that the fraternal affection expressed in the words which you have just pronounced, is very sin-

cerely and ardently reciprocated. Permit me to say to you that the grand and noble efforts that you have already made for the progress of Freemasonry, (and consequently for the amelioration of humanity,) have merited for you the most ardent thanks and the highest esteem and consideration that it is possible for man to have.

"It is true, (and I say it with the most lively regret,) that war and discord still reign on earth, and that the blood of our Brothers is still spilled and moistens the dust of the battlefield; but if the members of our venerable institution exert themselves in fulfilling the grand and sublime duties with which they are charged, if the pure and holy doctrines which are inculcated in the lessons of Freemasonry, are followed, we may hope that the time is not very distant when the entire world will cultivate peace. We may see the time when the lion and the lamb will lie down together; when the lance will be changed for the pruning hook; and when nations will no longer learn war. Let us, then, use all our efforts, and let us put our whole soul to hastening the accomplishment of this great work. In the name of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, of which I am the feeble interpreter, I offer you the assurance of its cordial and indefatigable cooperation.

"In conclusion, permit me to express to you my sentiments of fraternal love. I thank you, with all my soul, for the benevolent reception that I have received among you; and I hope it may please the Supreme Architect of the Universe to guide and assist us in all our councils, and conduct us to the source of Truth and Light."

The assembly then deliberated on the manner of conducting its labors.

A brother asked if it would not be agreeable to the illustrious foreign brothers that the meetings should take place daily, at such hour as it may be convenient for the assembly to choose, and that these meetings may be exempt from the formalities of Masonic ceremony, which might, perhaps, facilitate our proceedings. He added, that each might bring to these meetings the fruit of his meditations, in the form of propositions, which could be there examined and discussed; and whenever deemed proper, a regular session might be convoked, in order to decide definitely on the points already examined. He therefore proposed that the Hall of the Council of the Grand Master be chosen by the conference as the ordinary place of its sittings, and that the assembly decide that the Conference shall be permanent.

The assembly unanimously adopted the proposition, and decided that it shall be permanent; that it shall meet in conference every day, (certain days excepted,) at one hour after meridian, at the Hotel of the Grand Orient, in the Hall of the Council of the Grand Master.

The Very Illustrious Grand Master, Prince MURAT, asked if any of the members had observations or propositions to present.

No one answering, the labors were closed in the usual form.

The Prince Grand Master retired, accompanied, as on his arrival, by the officers, furnished with stars and swords, and preceded by the Master of Ceremonies.

THE NINTH DAY OF THE FOURTH MONTH }
Of the Year of the True Light, 5855. (June 9, 1855.) }

The session was opened by the Illustrious Brother HEULLANT, Assistant Grand Master of the Order.

The necessity of seeking some method of insuring to every Mason access to Lodges, wherever situated, subject to a regular examination when required, was admitted by all present.

The Illustrious Brother DE ROSENTHAL, addressed the Conference on the subject.

"It is of the highest importance," said he; "No Lodge can close its doors to a Mason regularly initiated by a regular Lodge. And when that Mason shall have satisfactorily passed an examination, the true Masonic Fraternity should see that in no case he be deprived of the benefit of Masonic communion. Every Lodge ought then to open its door to him.

"I propose that there be adopted a standard formula for all diplomas, and that the formula be printed in Latin, with a translation into each respective national language.

"Before concluding, permit me, my Brothers, to insist on the necessity of proposing none but simple measures, very clearly defined, few in number, and in every case characterized by the greatest respect for the peculiar and accepted usages of each nation."

All the members present were of the same opinion.

Brother ROSENTHAL laid before the Conference a circular from the illustrious Brother Prince FREDERICK, of the Netherlands, containing a complete discussion of the above principles.

This Brother also presented a diploma, written in Latin and Dutch, which, without being offered as perfect, might serve as an indication. This diploma has a testamentary formula, to be signed like the *Ne Varietur*, which indicates the desire of the signer that the diploma should, after his death, be returned to the Lodge in which he was initiated.

The Assembly expressed its entire concurrence in favor of a diploma in Latin and the national language of the country where issued, and of the testamentary formula; whereupon it was agreed to submit the proposition to the Congress for its assent, and the sanction of all Masonic authorities.

The Conference decided to submit, through the Congress, for the acceptance of Masonry, the following resolution:—

Resolved, That neither written nor printed certificates shall be given to brethren not in possession of the Master's degree.

The Conference took into consideration the difficulties arising from the profane, who, having been rejected by the Lodge at their place of residence, and subsequently initiated in another, return to their homes with the usual certificate.

It was decided to make this question the subject of discussion hereafter, each Brother being, meanwhile, requested to seek the best method of remedying the abuse.

At six o'clock the Conference adjourned to Monday, June 11th.

THE ELEVENTH DAY OF THE FOURTH MONTH }
Of the Year of the True Light, 5855. (June 11th, 1855.) }

The Illustrious Bro. HEULLANT, Assistant Grand Master, presiding.

The President stated, that it was the intention of the Prince Grand Master to have presided at this meeting, but that the illness of the Princess MURAT would deprive him of that pleasure.

Bro. HEULLANT announced that his Highness would preside on the following day, at one P.M., and that he is desirous that the Congress should convene next year, if agreeable, in Holland; he also desired that there should emanate from the Congress some idea capable of elevating the intellectual character of Masonry.

Bro. DE ROSENTHAL said, that he thought it preferable not to call another Convocation till three years hence. He added, that however flattered he might be, that the Netherlands were honored by such a choice, he feared it might be said that this country had been chosen among so many others larger, and not less central, because it was directly represented; that he was fearful of wounding the susceptibilities of others; finally, this Brother would propose Frankfort or Hamburg.

The Assistant Grand Master replied, that the difficulty is wholly in this fact, that from Frankfort, the Convocation of Paris had received no response, and that Hamburg, although having testified her active desire to participate in the labors of the Congress, is not represented in it.

Brother DONOUGHMORE, (Ireland,) proposed that London should be chosen as the point of meeting of the next Congress. He supported that proposition by the fact, that the inhabitants of the different parts of the world, coming to Europe, are induced, necessarily, to visit Paris and London, which is not the case with secondary cities.

The Assistant Grand Master suggested the nomination of a Permanent Commission to receive propositions relative to the next Congress, and to fix the place and time of meeting.

Brother CUMMINGS, (Washington,) proposed, as an amendment to that proposition, that the Commission be limited in their choice to Paris or London; the Commission not to convoke the Congress until it has received notice that all the Grand Lodges or Grand Orients are ready to discuss the questions proposed by the Congress.

Brother PHILLIPS, (Richmond, United States,) asked that a delegate from each country represented, may be named members of the Commission.

The question, shall the Commission consist of seven members, was voted on and negatived; that, shall it be of five members, was carried. The Commission will be thus constituted; two French; one American; one English; and one Hollander.

The following Brothers were named on such Commission :

DE ROSENTHAL, (Netherlands.)

HEULLANT, (France.)

DONOUGHMORE, (Ireland.)

RAZY, (France.)

The American Brothers informed the Assembly, that they would make known to-morrow, the candidate they propose as a member of the Commission.

It was decided, that in case any Commissioner is unable to attend, the Grand Master of each Grand Lodge having a representative in that Commission will designate his substitute.

The Assistant Grand Master proposed to the members of the Congress to celebrate the Convocation by a banquet; he intimated that the Prince would preside.

The Banquet was fixed for Wednesday next, at the hour of seven.

Brother DONOUGHMORE, (Ireland,) asked the consideration of the resolution, proposing, for the sanction of the different Masonic Powers, the following declaration :—

Each Masonic Power abandons the right of creating Lodges in countries where any Masonic Power exists.

The Brother developed his proposition with excellent reasons, to the satisfaction of the Assembly.

Brother ROSENTHAL insisted, strongly, on the necessity of declaring, that the law shall not have an *ex post facto* effect, and that the definitive formula shall be preceded by the words "in future." He thought that, without such stipulation, the result would be the alienation of certain German Orientals and others; besides, said he, Holland has a number of Lodges in certain English possessions, constituted when those countries were subject to it. The Grand Orient of Holland still maintains amicable relations with those Lodges. The brothers who compose them are faithful subjects of the Queen of England; but, to deprive them of their old relations would not be just, and might not be acquiesced in.

The Assembly acceded unanimously to this just desire, and the proposition was placed in form, as follows :—

"Each Masonic Power abandons, in future, the right of creating Lodges, where Masonic Powers exist."

At six o'clock the Conference adjourned.

THE TWELFTH DAY OF THE FOURTH MONTH }
Of the Year of the True Light, 5855. (June 12th, 1855.) }

The Illustrious Assistant Grand Master HEULLANT, presiding.

The Illustrious Grand Master HEULLANT informed the Assembly that the Prince Grand Master had designated, as a member of the Universal Congress, the illustrious Brother FURNELL, Deputy Lieutenant of the county Limerick, (Ireland.) This brother took his seat as such.

The Session was opened by a discourse written by the illustrious Brother G. PARKER CUMMINGS, (Washington, U. S.) translated, in part, by the illustrious Brother DONOUGHMORE.

"VERY ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER :—

"A subject so important as the one in question yesterday, would seem to demand from myself and colleague, a more forcible expression of our views, and, from this Congress such attention to the matter in point as will be likely to remedy an evil that has long been a source of complaint to the transatlantic brethren of whom we are the representatives.

"In that peaceful asylum, our Lodge, which every brother feels is a mental garden for the culture of those kindly feelings that best adorn our common nature, where we are shut out from the rest of the world with its strifes and contentions, we, the American Fraternity, do not wish to be thought capable of entertaining feelings, or asking for the observance of rules, that may seem in any degree as prejudicial to the interest and happiness of one individual of the human race. Thrice Illustrious Sir, we call your own and this honorable Convention's attention to the governing characteristic of our institution—Charity—not only with our means, for the relief of distressed brethren, our sympa-

thies and consolations for their sorrows, but a higher and more distinct charity for their errors, more particularly those that are the effect of circumstances, and seem, at least to us, indigenous to our soil.

"Along with the blessings of civilization, of laws, arts, religion and letters, that we have inherited from our parents, France and England, came also the institution of slavery. It is now *grown* and rooted to our soil, and in a large portion of our country is as much a matter of necessity to both races, as any institution that exists in this; and however the philanthropist may think, it remains, at least to the practical mind, a matter of doubt whether its abrogation would benefit the blacks themselves.

"Such being the facts and necessities of our case, we ask of the brethren of this hemisphere but the observances that we practice among ourselves in the geographical distinction that exists between the North and the South—an observance of this Masonic law of non-interference in a matter that would *surely* interrupt the social and civil position of the slave-holding Mason, and which has, unhappily, already produced serious complaints, and threatened as wide a gulf between the Fraternity as the sea that separates them, should the European Lodges continue to give charters, and confer the degrees, upon men at least disqualified by being citizens of another country.

"When we remember, Thrice Illustrious Sir, that our time-honored institution has owed its existence and usefulness to its happy adaptation to the laws and usages of every country in which it has flourished—when we are conscious of the small amount of good that can arise to the recipients themselves, from the continuance of this custom, and the large amount of evil to the institution at large, we feel this Congress will give the matter its serious consideration, and will, in its wisdom, accomplish one important object by instituting a remedy for this evil."

The Ill. Assistant Grand Master remarked that the French Masonic Constitution would not permit the assent of French brethren to the various propositions of the discourse: that it had already decided most of the points in question.

Bro. PHILLIPS, (Richmond, U. S.,) declared his willingness to abide by the resolutions of the Conference.

Bro. ROSENTHAL called attention to his proposition that the various Masonic authorities should reciprocally make known the motives of exclusion in the case of profanes declared unworthy. He insisted on the necessity of preserving the distinction between incapacity and unworthiness. Incapacity leads to a delay in the initiation, and requires no notice; unworthiness, on the other hand, results in exclusion, and notice should then be given.

Passing to another subject, and the question of profanes obtaining initiation abroad, and then returning home with certificates they could not have obtained there, as also the subject of the admission of colored men, the Conference, after a lengthy discussion, unanimously adopted the following resolution, to be submitted through the Congress to the approbation of the Masonic authorities:—

Non-residents shall not be initiated without previous inquiry of the Masonic authorities of the country to which they owe allegiance, except in extraordinary and well established cases of emergency.

Bro. ROSENTHAL suggested that in addition to a standard form of diploma, it should be incumbent on Masters of Lodges to give the initiate the words, signs and grips, of the Scottish and modern rites, those being the ones most universally known. Which was unanimously agreed to.

Bro. DONOUGHMORE desired that care should be taken in printing the proceedings not to convey the idea that Masonry is not universal, or that Masons are without absolute means of recognition.

Which was referred to the Permanent Commission.

The American brethren gave notice that they had selected the R. W. JOHN DOVE, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, as a member of the Permanent Commission.

The choice was approved by the assembly.

At six o'clock the Conference adjourned.

THE THIRTEENTH DAY OF THE FOURTH MONTH }
Of the Year of the True Light, 5855, (June 13, 1855.) }

Ill. Assistant Grand Master presiding, and labor resumed in the usual form.

Bros. BOUBEE and FAULTRIER hold the Second and Third Mallets, Bro. JANIN as Orator, Bro. REXES as Assistant Secretary, Bro. CLAUDE, Secretary of the Congress, and Bros. DARRAGON and LALLIER, Masters of Ceremonies.

The Ill. Assistant Grand Master, HEULLANT, informed the Congress that he had just received a note from the Prince Grand Master, informing him that some unexpected business would prevent him from being present at the session to-day, but that he hoped to preside to-morrow.

After a short session in the Hall of the Congress, the brothers repaired to the banquet Hall, in order and in silence, banners displayed, and preceded by the Masters of Ceremonies.

All the brothers having taken their places, Masonic labors were suspended, in order to participate in refreshment.

The cloth having been removed, the Hall was tiled, labor resumed, and the Grand Master requested the brethren to charge for a sentiment he was about to have the honor of proposing.

All being charged and in line, the Grand Master said —

“Standing and in order, my Brothers. The health that I have the honor to propose is that of ‘His Majesty the Emperor Napoleon III.’ We will join with it the ‘Health of Her Majesty the Empress Eugenia, and of all the members of the imperial family.’ We will give also, ‘A toast to France.’”

“Illustrious foreign Brothers, these healths, so dear and so precious to us, Frenchmen, are prescribed to us also by our regulations; but for you there is no obligation; you are free to abstain; to your hearts alone we make appeal. To his Majesty the Emperor NAPOLEON III. — to that Sovereign whose first thought on ascending the throne has been the peace of the world and the union of the people — to that civilizer who has taken up arms only to secure progress and civilization — to him who emulates the Grand Architect of the world, and who, as an ardent lover of Masonic principles, creates daily some humane institution. To her Majesty, the Empress EUGENIA, that tutelary angel of the unhappy, who each day justifies the choice of her spouse. To all the members of the imperial family. To France, our beautiful country — to her heroic and generous people, who, after covering themselves with glory in combats, know how to appreciate the blessings of peace, and are happy to offer their hands to the other people whom they can call her friends.”

1st Toast — “To the glory of the Emperor Napoleon III.; may our devotion prove our gratitude to him.”

2d Toast — “To the Empress Eugenia, to her happiness, and to all the members of the imperial family.”

3d Toast, and the last — “To France; to the union of the people.”

The toasts were given with the most perfect regularity, and followed by a triple and energetic salute.

After which, the President Grand Master said —

“Very Illustrious foreign Brothers, I know not how sufficiently to thank you for the warm and generous manner in which you have joined us in the sentiments just responded to.

“Since we have been together, the most fraternal sentiments have reigned among us; always the same conformity of ideas; always the same desire to arrive at and assure the glory and the prosperity of the entire Order.

“Our enemies, and unhappily the number of them is great, use every means to annoy us. They select words in our Constitution in order to bring on us odious calumnies, and attribute to us the cruel misfortunes of epochs which I need not repeat here.

“Yes, the words Liberty, Fraternity, Equality, shine at the head of our Constitution, and we are proud of them; but those sublime words, traced on every page of the Gospel, that divine book, have they not always been employed, in all times, for a basis to the principles of our Order?

“If misled and ambitious minds, seeking to deceive the people by speaking to them of liberty, have abused those sacred words, and tarnished them for a moment by fatal and sinister interpretations, ought we to efface them from our precepts? No! But especially, above all, and in grave and important circumstances, we ought boldly and sincerely to say how we understand those philosophic ideas; how we interpret and how we teach them, we, Masons, men of peace and union.

“Liberty, that daughter of Heaven, that mother of civilization, that beautiful gem in the crown of man — the liberty we teach, is not guilty of the wicked acts committed in her name.

"To render to Cæsar that which belongs to Cæsar; to respect, practice and obey the laws of the country which we inhabit, is one of the first obligations which we prescribe to our new converts. In order to be truly free, man, according to us, ought to learn to subdue his passions and practice virtue; he ought to labor in the slow but truly wise and rational progress of civilization; he ought to devote himself to the common good.

"Equality, that which all Masons continually practice, is the right of each to aspire to all the functions and dignities, but not the right of obtaining them at will; it is the most worthy on whom they are bestowed. We all are Brothers, all are equal to labor in concert for the common good; but each is to be rewarded according to his works and according to his merit.

"Fraternity, that sentiment so sublime and so dear to our hearts, is not for us that vain word which utopian dreamers so much abuse. Fraternity is the sacred tie which unites us; it is the obligation of all Masons mutually to love and aid each other; it is a virtue more sublime than the charity preached in the profane world. Inspired by the love of our fellow-man, we share with our Brothers, we put at the disposal of all, our purse, our arms, and our intelligence. We thus arrive at the realization of the most pure of the virtues which the Grand Architect of the Universe has inspired — the love of our neighbor.

"Such are, Illustrious Brothers, the sentiments which animate us — they are yours — the eagerness you have shown in coming to join us, the free and sincere affection which you constantly manifest, is a proof that we are united by the same sentiments, and by the same principles and ideas.

The Illustrious Brother DE ROSENTHAL said:—

"The noble and beautiful words which we have just heard ought to be deeply engraved on our hearts. I implore their insertion *in extenso* in the proceedings; it is important that they should be read by all and known of all; they no doubt will have a great influence on the composition of the next Congress. Dear Brother HUELLANT, receive our sincere thanks; your words add, if possible, to the esteem and the affection that we had conceived for you while directing our labors.

The Grand Master said—

"Will you prepare, my Brothers, to charge for a second toast which I am about to propose?"

All being charged and in line, the Grand Master said—

"Stand in order, my Brothers.

"The health which I have the honor to propose to you, and which his Highness, the Grand Master, regrets not being able to propose in person, is that of the foreign Grand Masonic Bodies represented in this Congress. We will join to it the health of the Delegates of those powers.

"Very Illustrious Brother Delegates," said the Grand Master, "I am happy in being the organ of our Brothers of the Grand Orient of France, to testify our gratitude for the marked and enlightened zeal which you have brought to the labors of the Masonic Congress. Assure, I pray you, the Grand Masters and the Grand Orients who sent you, of our sentiments of fraternal devotion; thank them for the manner in which they have responded to our call, and above all, in being represented by brothers such as you.

"First. 'To the perpetual remembrance of the Congress.'

"Second. 'To the prosperity and glory of our Institution.'

"Third. 'To the Union of all the Orients in universal Masonry.'

After which a triple salute was given with enthusiasm.

The Illustrious Brother DE ROSENTHALL pronounced the following discourse:—

"After the serious deliberations of the past days, we only needed to appreciate, in all their extent, your profound attachment to the true principles of the Royal Art, and your exquisite hospitality, the splendid and fraternal banquet around which we find ourselves assembled at this moment. It is, so to speak, the climax of the fraternal work, which we all hope will leave ineffaceable traces in the annals of Freemasonry. Will you then accept, very dear Brothers, the thanks which I have the honor to address you, in the name of all the representatives of the foreign Masonic authorities assembled with you in this sanctuary, for the truly fraternal reception you have tendered us during our sojourn at this Grand Orient

"We desire, also, to unite, with these sincere thanks, the expression of our acknowledgment for the health which the Illustrious Grand Master has just proposed, in honor of foreign Masonic authorities, and which you have received with enthusiastic applause.

"When we return to our homes, we shall report, in detail, all that we have seen and heard in these ever memorable days, not forgetting the kind words you, Illustrious Grand Master, have pronounced, in honor of your illustrious correspondents, who will, we are convinced, feel amply compensated for their readiness in answering your call, by the obliging kindness with which you have surrounded their representatives.

"The kindly sentiments now influencing us are only marred by a single regret, which is, that a sudden indisposition has deprived us of the pleasure of sitting at this banquet under the gavel of that Illustrious Prince, whom, by your unanimous votes, you have placed at the head of the Freemasons of France. We unite with you in prayers for his prompt recovery, and for the health and prosperity of his august family; we ask you, Illustrious Grand Master, to be the medium whereby we may express to him our sentiments of respectful and fraternal acknowledgment; our desire that he may yet find, in a closer union of all the Masons dispersed over the surface of the globe, the reward of that work he has so happily commenced."

At the conclusion of this address, a triple salvo of applause was given, under direction of Bro. HEULLANT.

The Senior Warden then asked permission of the Illustrious President to command a charge for a sentiment he desired to propose.

Authority being granted, the Orator and Junior Warden were directed to cause the columns in the North and South to charge. All being charged and in order, Bro. BOUBEE said—

"The health it is my privilege to propose to you, my brethren, is that of the 'Thrice Illustrious Prince LUCIEN MURAT, Grand Master of the Masons in France. Let us join with it that of our beloved Assistant Grand Masters, HEULLANT and RAZY."

"Let our vivacity prove to our respected Grand Master how happy and proud we are to see him at our head, extending his benign influence over our Order; and to his Assistants, how sincerely we appreciate their devotion to the Order, and the brilliancy of their attainments."

"First. 'The Prince and his family, long life and happiness.'"

"Second. 'The Assistant Grand Masters, and all who are dear to them.'"

"Third. 'The ever increasing prosperity of Masonry.'"

The sentiments were received with great applause; Grand Master HEULLANT responded in behalf of His Royal Highness Prince LUCIEN MURAT. The two Assistant Grand Masters returned thanks.

After a short interval, the Illustrious President requested the brethren to charge for a fourth toast he would propose.

All being charged, and in line, the Grand Master said—

"The health which I have the honor to propose to you, is that of 'Our Brothers, Senior and Junior Wardens, Orator, Secretary, and Masters of Ceremonies.' (Here the Grand Master addressed a few kind and flattering remarks to each of the Brothers named.) 'This toast, my Brothers, is designed to express to those officers our satisfaction with the brilliant manner they have discharged the duties of their office, and to testify our attachment to them.'"

Drank, by three times, with the usual applause.

The Senior Warden, Bro. BOUBEE, rose to reply.

"'Respectable Brothers,' said he, 'the Grand Master, in proposing the health of the officers who have assisted him in the labors of the Congress, has been pleased to include me, with such flattering remarks, that, if any thing were needed to excite a Mason's zeal, it would, doubtless, be the hope of obtaining such commendation."

"Ah, who would not be proud to be so honored by the representatives of Universal Masonry! Moreover, I can say with truth, that for sixty years that I have had the happiness to enjoy the true light, I have never experienced a more lively, and, at the same time, a more pleasant emotion. But I stop, in order to give the floor to the Brothers, Senior Warden and Orator, who are also highly honored, and not less impatient to express their acknowledgments.'"

The Brother Orator, said—

"Deign, Illustrious Brethren, to accept the very sincere thanks of all the officers, whose names you have honored, and in whose name I speak at this moment. I am fearful of weakening the effect of the discourse of our respectable Brother BOUBEE; we sympathize in all his sentiments, as we unite with his request for a triple salvo."

Bro. BOUBEE read an ode, entitled, "The Universal Masonic Congress," followed by the felicitations of all the members present.

The Grand Master HEULLANT called for a salute of thanks, and added—

"We salute, my friends, in the respectable Brother BOUBEE, the Nestor of French Masonry, more than fourscore years old, a Masonic devotee of most pure and lively faith;

most complete self-denial; may Providence yet bestow many days on our dear Brother BOUBEE.

"Take places, my brothers.

"The fifth toast is, 'All Masons, happy or unhappy, throughout the world.'"

The sentiment, as all the others, was given with ardor, and followed by a warm salute.

The poor box was carried round.

It being past midnight, the labors were closed in the usual form.

All retired in peace.

THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF THE FOURTH MONTH }
Of the Year of the True Light, 5855, (June 14, 1855.) }

Thrice Illustrious Grand Master Prince LUCIEN MURAT, presiding.

The Very Illustrious Grand Master entered the Hall of the Congress, and occupied the Chair in the East, having on his right the Illustrious Assistant Grand Master HEULLANT; on his left, the Assistant Grand Master RAZY.

Bro. CLAUDE, Secretary.

The Very Illustrious Grand Master invited the assembly to be seated, and said:—

"My Brothers, we design to close the sittings of the Congress to-day. I have to thank you for the aid you have afforded, and for the intelligence you have manifested. I hope that this Congress may have great results; but let us not deceive ourselves. The Congress will have no value but that arising from the wisdom and maturity of its judgments, and above all, the concurrence of Foreign Grand Orients. This result must be one of time. I trust it is not doubtful.

"We are now to vote definitely on the several propositions which in your wisdom you have thought proper to be submitted to the acceptance of the different Masonic authorities.

"The following are to be thus submitted:—

"1st. This Congress will only submit such measures, few in number, as bear the character of evident utility, are clearly defined, and in all cases manifest the greatest respect for the accepted and internal customs of each country.

"2d. It is proposed to all Grand Lodges on the globe, that no diploma shall be given to a brother who has not attained the degree of Master Mason.

"3d. The adoption of a standard form of diploma is proposed to all Masonic authorities. The diploma to be in Latin, with a translation in the national language; and to have also a testamentary formula, setting forth the desire of the recipient that after his death it may be returned to the Lodge from whence it emanated.

"4th. A Permanent Commission of five members is hereby constituted. The Commission will have its seat at Paris, in the Temple of the Grand Orient. It is charged with the duty of forwarding to the various Masonic authorities the propositions and publications of the Congress; to keep up its correspondence; to receive all letters, communications or propositions emanating from Grand Orients or Grand Lodges, or from individual Masons, desirous of offering the fruit of their meditations to the Congress; in a word, all that may be deemed useful in forwarding its labors. And finally, they are to fix the time and place for the next meeting of the Congress.

"The Commission is composed of the following illustrious brethren:—

CHEVALIER DE ROSENTHAL,	for the Netherlands
COUNT DONOUGHMORE,	" England,
JOHN DOVE,	" the United States,
HEULLANT,	" France,
RAZY,	" "

"In case of the inability of any of the above named brethren to serve, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, or Grand Orient, to which he may belong, will designate his substitute.

"5th. Masonic authorities are in future to abandon the practice of constituting Lodges in countries where Masonic powers already exist.

"Authorities having Lodges in the territories of other powers, should consent to these Lodges passing under the actual authority of the Grand Lodge having jurisdiction over the territory where they are located.

"The Lodges are to be left to their own discretion, and the authorities of the countries where they are located should treat them with fraternal consideration.

"6th. Before proceeding to the initiation of a non-resident, inquiry shall be made of the authorities of the country to which the candidate owes allegiance, except in well authenticated cases of emergency.

"7th. Masters of Lodges, in conferring the degree of M. M., should invest the candidate with the words, signs and grips of the Scottish and modern rites.

"8th. This meeting, considering the apron as the symbol of labor, that it has always been an important symbol in Masonry, that it is in general use, purposes to decide—that in all Masonic assemblies the apron is indispensable.

"9th. Convinced of the great utility of a regular and uninterrupted correspondence between the various Masonic powers, the Congress invites all Masonic authorities regularly to exchange copies of their printed proceedings.

"10th. The Congress insists upon the necessity of certain central points in each country, for the reception of correspondence, whence it could be diffused throughout the jurisdiction."

The various propositions having been put to vote in the order named, they were unanimously adopted.

The Thrice Illustrious Grand Master asked if any of the members had any observation or proposition to present.

Bro. ROSENTHAL arose and spoke as follows:—

"Thrice Illustrious Grand Master: When at the opening of this Congress, I besought you not to be disheartened at the paucity of its numbers, I believe I expressed the sentiments of all who heard me; we are not certainly to look at the number of those who first embrace a generous idea to judge of its value or the extent of the benefits, of which, sooner or later, it may prove the fruitful germ. History teaches us, that those generous ideas that have given a new impulse to humanity, and prepared the well-being of future generations, have been matured in silence, or in the associations of sympathetic hearts. Freemasonry being a human institution, is in nowise exempt from that slow and progressive movement that seems to have been marked out by the Deity, as characterizing all that is great and noble; all that is proper to direct humanity in the path of true happiness.

"At this solemn moment, when the Sessions of the Masonic Congress are drawing to a close, when we are about to separate, perhaps forever, I recall your attention to my first thoughts, and ask you, with the utmost certainty of a negative answer, whether any reason for discouragement has appeared to your minds during the days just past. True, we have been few in number; the places that might have been occupied by the delegates from other Masonic powers, have remained vacant, and we have lacked the benefit of their concentrated intelligence; but, the most perfect union, an unreserved agreement on the necessity of a closer alliance in our Order, and a spirit of moderation and Fraternity have distinctly characterized the Universal Masonic Congress convened by your fraternal act. Of these things we may justly be proud; and, I can affirm, without fear of contradiction on your part, that we have taken a step, however imperceptible, in the direction of true Masonic progress.

"When foreign Masonic bodies shall have examined the report of our proceedings, which you propose to send them, I flatter myself that they will appreciate the moderation, the attachment to the Royal Art, the truly fraternal spirit that have governed us. They will perceive, that far from giving way to noisy and useless declamation, we have confined ourselves to strictly practical views; that the modest propositions which, while fully respecting their independence, we have submitted, for the consideration of a future Congress, are bounded by the external relations common to all Masons; that we have abstained from every thing foreign to the Royal Art; contrary to the fundamental principles of our beneficent union, or which might have wounded the most delicate susceptibility of a brother, or any rite practiced in our sacred institution.

"True brethren, wherever dispersed, in reflecting upon what I have thus hastily sketched, will feel that we have comprehended the actual state, and the most pressing needs of Freemasonry; that, like you, Thrice Illustrious, we have desired the extension of our mutual relations; the detection and removal of the obstacles which seem to oppose it; and that, like you, we are willing to leave to the free development of fixed principles, the care and the glory of extending, to the uttermost limits, a unity of practice and principles.

"May that glorious day soon appear, when all mortals in the two hemispheres shall recognize Freemasonry as the noblest of human institutions; as the best adapted to the wants of humanity.

"May our labors assist in hastening the triumph of truth, and the progress of civilization, and, as connected therewith, may your name, Thrice Illustrious Brother, be placed, by a grateful posterity, among the benefactors of humanity, to which end may the Great Architect of the Universe deign to bless our labors and grant our prayers."

The Assembly loudly applauded the noble sentiments so eloquently expressed.

The Prince Grand Master returned thanks to all, and especially to the Illustrious Bro. DE ROSENTHAL, adding:—

"My brethren, you are now about to return to your respective Orients; convey to them our gratitude for their ready assistance, and assure them of my thanks for having selected such brethren as you."

The Session of the Universal Masonic Congress for 1855 was then closed.

By order of the Congress,

[L. s.]

P. CLAUDE, 33d,
Secretary General of the Order,
Secretary of Congress.

The peculiar interest which must necessarily attach to the proceedings of an assemblage of this kind, the first we have ever heard of, will prove a sufficient justification, we trust, for giving to them so much space in this report. We had not time, overborne as the writer of this has been with other business of the Grand Lodge, to prepare an abstract, and even had time been given, it is probable we should have preferred to present them thus, as thereby the manner, as well as the substance of the transactions is exhibited. With but little exception, the few results arrived at are precisely the conclusions which have ever governed American Masonry, so far as they extend, and the action of the Congress has thus been complimentary to us of the Western Hemisphere. That Diplomas should be given only to Master Masons, is the general, probably the universal practice in the United States; and that they should be in Latin and the language of the country where issued, is the customary usage also. But the "testamentary formula" which it is proposed they should contain, by virtue of which they are to be sent back to the body whence they issued after the death of the holder, does *not* accord with the practice in this country, nor with our views in regard to their uses. In America such instruments are intended to be kept by the wives and children of the deceased owners, so that should necessity require it, they may be exhibited as evidences of the right of those thus holding them to make claim upon the Order for assistance; and further too, many of the Grand Lodges of the Union, our own among the number, direct the issue of Diplomas for Masons, after death, for the benefit of their widows and orphans. Of the other propositions we have not time to speak. The whole affair is interesting, but we are not enabled to perceive that much practical good is likely to result from it.

Your committee have thus presented a reflex of the transactions of thirty-one of the Grand Lodges of the United States, together with such information from Foreign Grand Bodies as has been communicated by them. They have paused but little to discuss or comment upon any subject, having been compelled to hasten through this labor, almost with locomotive speed; and now, almost at the very hour for your assembling, having performed this task entirely during the later hours of the night, our pen is laid aside with the profoundest satisfaction, and its hurried production is presented "with all its imperfections on its head."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALEX. G. ABELL,
Chairman Com. For. Correspondence.

The foregoing report was received, and the Grand Lodge was then called off until 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

In Grand Lodge.

MORNING SESSION,
Thursday, May 14th, A. L. 5857. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 10 o'clock, A. M., the Grand Master presiding.

After prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the minutes of the sessions of yesterday were read and approved.

Bro. A. MARTIN, from the Committee on Credentials, reported the following additional members as present and entitled to seats, viz.:—
from

Western Star, ..No. 2,.....J. N. CHAPPEL, proxy for Senior Warden.
Tehama,.....No. 3,.....GEO. E. MONTGOMERY, proxy for Junior Warden.
Tuolumne,.....No. 8,.....W. W. TRAYLOR, Representative.
Occidental,.....No. 22,.....JAMES LAIDLEY, proxy for Senior Warden.
Golden Gate,.....No. 30,.....HENRY J. MORTON, Junior Warden.
Lebanon,.....No. 49,.....JOHN F. DAMON, Past Master.
Suisun,.....No. 55,.....S. S. SMITH, Junior Warden.
Corinthian,.....No. 69,.....JAMES ALLEN, Past Master and Representative.
Enterprise,.....No. 70,.....JOHN M. FRONK, Representative.
Nebraska,.....No. 71,.....F. RILEY, Senior Warden.
Rose's Bar,.....No. 89,.....WM. M. PEARL, proxy for W. M. and J. W.

Which report was received and concurred in, and the brethren therein named were admitted to seats.

Bro. H. G. BROWN from the Committee on Unfinished Business, presented the following report:—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—

The Committee on Unfinished Business report that they have carefully examined the record of proceedings at the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, and find the following matters still unfinished:—

The case of CHRISTIAN KINTZ, in regard to whom information was requested by the Grand Lodge of Missouri, was referred to *Los Angeles* Lodge, No. 42, with instructions to report at this Communication. (See printed Proceedings, 1856, page 307.)

A resolution was adopted to elect a Board of Trustees at each Annual Communication, for the management of the Masonic Hall Fund, etc., but no such election was had. (See printed Proceedings, 1856, page 346.)

The special committee appointed at the Annual Communication in 1854, to procure a suitable stone for the National Washington Monument, and to solicit subscriptions from the Lodges therefor, was directed "to report to the Grand Master

an account of all moneys received for that purpose, and to pay the same over to the Grand Secretary in time for the account thereof to appear in the printed Proceedings of this (the last) Communication." (See printed Proceedings, 1856, page 353.) Your committee are informed that no such report or payment has been made.

A committee was appointed to revise the Constitution, Regulations, etc., of the Grand Lodge, with instructions to report at this Communication. (See printed Proceedings, 1856, page 353.)

The Committee who presented the present ritual, in 1854, was directed again to assemble in Sacramento in July, 1856, "for the purpose of reconsidering their labors, and again presenting a mode of work for the Masons of this State." (See printed Proceedings, 1856, page 355.) It is presumed that a report will be presented at this Communication.

The special committee appointed at the Annual Communication in 1855, relative to the donation of certain lands to the Grand Lodge by Bro. A. M. WINN, was continued at the last Communication, with power to act. (See printed Proceedings, 1856, page 363.) It is supposed that a report will be presented at this meeting.

The following amendments to the Constitution were proposed at the last Communication; and, having been then approved by a majority, will come up for final action at the present meeting, viz.:—

To amend Sec. 14, Article X., so that notices of rejection, shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary, and by him be disseminated among the Lodges. (See printed Proceedings, 1856, page 319.) The committee respectfully recommend the adoption of the amendment.

To amend Sec. 3, Article IX., by reducing the fee for Diplomas to two dollars, etc. (See printed Proceedings, 1856, page 333.)

To add a new Section to Article VI., relative to the appointment of other standing committees. (See printed Proceedings, 1856, page 344.)

To amend Sec. 6, Article X., so as to authorize Lodges under this jurisdiction, without the State, to hold stated meetings twice each month, and to act upon applications after the expiration of two weeks. (See printed Proceedings, 1856, page 353.)

To amend Sec. 1, Article III., so as to change the day of Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge to the second Monday in August. (See printed Proceedings, 1856, page 360.)

To amend Sec. 1, Article X., so that the Annual Elections in the Lodges shall be holden at the stated meetings next preceding the Anniversary of St. John the Baptist. (See printed Proceedings, 1856, page 360.)

These your committee believe to be all the matters lying over from the last Communication, and they take the occasion to express the opinion that so far as the proposed amendments are concerned, all, with the exception of the first named, are nullities, having been adopted in violation of that portion of Article XIII. of the Constitution, which requires that any amendment proposed shall be presented *before the election of Grand Officers*.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. BROWN,	} Committee.
A. T. NELSON,	
CHAS. F. IRWIN,	
A. E. CALLAWAY,	
CHAS. MEREDITH,	

Which report was received and concurred in.

Bro. H. A. GASTON presented a transcript of the proceedings of Minnesota Lodge, No. 67, in the case of E. CROWE, suspended by that Lodge on the twelfth June, 1856, and his appeal therefrom; which, with other papers having reference thereto, was referred to the Committee on Grievances.

Bro. J. W. CLAIBORNE, from the Committee on Grievances, presented the following reports:—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—

Your committee, to whom was referred the appeal upon the expulsion of Wm. Hook, by *Martinez Lodge*, No. 41, beg leave to report as follows:—

The grounds taken in the appeal appear to be entirely technical. They are, 1st, that but little over nine days had elapsed from the service of the "attested copy" of the charges, when the trial was commenced; thereby conflicting with the requirements of the Grand Lodge, as declared in Sec. 10, Article X., of the Constitution, and Sec. 1, Rule I., of the Regulations concerning Trials: and 2d, that hearsay testimony received, and the depositions taken before a Justice of the Peace, invalidated the action of the Lodge.

Your committee beg leave to say that to order a new trial in this case would renew an investigation, painful to the Masonic community in the neighborhood where the circumstances occurred; and that although the ten days' notice was not quite given, yet as the "attested copy" was dated the twentieth of March, and the trial was ordered for the thirtieth of that month, the difference of a few hours lost in the service is not material enough to interfere with the ends of justice.

The admission of the hearsay evidence, which was improper, did not, in the opinion of your committee, affect the decision of the Lodge, as all the facts (without said hearsay evidence,) were fully established by proper testimony. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the expulsion of WILLIAM HOOK by *Martinez Lodge*, No. 41, be, and is hereby confirmed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES W. CLAIBORNE,	} Committee.
O. C. WHEELER,	
E. S. RUGGLES,	
GEO. JOHNSTON,	

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—

Your committee, to whom was referred the appeal of L. G. LYON, under suspension as a member of *Ione Lodge*, No. 80, beg leave to report that they find from the papers in the case, that the trial was conducted under the direction of the Junior Warden, acting as Master *pro tempore*, while the accused was at the time Senior Warden of the Lodge. As your committee are of opinion that no authority can be shown for such a mode of proceeding, they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the action of *Ione Lodge*, No. 80, in the case of L. G. LYON be set aside, and that a new trial thereof be ordered.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES W. CLAIBORNE,	} Committee.
O. C. WHEELER,	
E. S. RUGGLES,	
GEO. JOHNSTON,	

Both which reports were received and concurred in, and the resolutions accompanying them were adopted.

• Bro. N. G. CURTIS, from the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, presented the following report:—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—

Your committee, to whom was referred the petition of *Occidental Lodge*, No. 22, praying for a dispensation to confer the three degrees of Masonry upon an applicant in less time than that prescribed by the regulations of this Grand Lodge,

would respectfully report :— That they have given the subject that consideration which its importance seems to require, and are of opinion, from the facts set forth in the petition, that this is properly a case of “emergency” as contemplated by the “old regulations” in such cases made and provided ; but as our Constitution makes no provision for such cases, they are of opinion that the Grand Lodge cannot grant the prayer of the petitioners without violating the 6th Sec. of Article X. of the Constitution, which provides that “All applications for initiation or membership shall be made in writing, at a stated meeting of the Lodge ; but *shall not* be acted upon until after the expiration of *four weeks*, and then only at a stated meeting.”

Your committee to whom was also referred the report of *Yuba Lodge*, No. 39, in relation to certain charges preferred by Bro. W. B. LATHAM, JR., against Bro. A. MAURICE, JR., at the last Communication of this Grand Lodge, and which were referred to said Lodge for investigation, further report : That the said communication from *Yuba Lodge* represents that after a careful investigation of the charges presented, the Lodge found nothing which should affect the Masonic standing of Bro. MAURICE. They therefore recommend the adoption of the report of *Yuba Lodge*, No. 39, and the approval of its action in the premises.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. GREENE CURTIS,	} Committee.
E. LANE,	
E. BOGARDUS,	
J. C. BURCH,	
THOS. M. REED,	

Which report was received and concurred in, and its recommendation was adopted.

The Grand Secretary presented a memorial from *Hawaiian Lodge*, No. 21, at Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, relative to the peculiar and disagreeable nature of its position in regard to the organization at that place, known as the Lodge *Le Progrés de l'Océanie* ; and also a petition from the same Lodge, asking that a District Deputy Grand Master for those Islands may be appointed :— Both which were referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 2 o'clock, this afternoon.

In Grand Lodge.

AFTERNOON SESSION,
Thursday, May 14th, A. L. 5857. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 2 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Master presiding.

The Grand Master, in accordance with the report of the committee to whom his Address was referred, announced the following special committee —

On the subject of *Side Degrees*:..... { Bro. H. F. Williams,
“ J. Z. Kelly,
“ Jas. Allen,

Bro. B. NEWMAN presented a petition from *Petaluma Lodge, No. 77*, asking a remission of its delinquent dues for the year ending March fourth, 1856; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

The Grand Secretary presented a petition from sundry brethren residing in the City of Sacramento, praying for a Charter to open a new Lodge in that city, to be called *Concord Lodge*; which was referred to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

The Deputy Grand Master presented the following proposed amendments to the Constitution: —

We propose to amend Article XIII. of the Constitution by striking out the same, and inserting instead thereof the following: —

“Any proposed amendment or alteration of this Constitution shall be presented to the Grand Lodge in writing at an Annual Communication, before the election of Grand Officers, by the representatives of at least three subordinate Lodges; and, if sanctioned by two thirds of the members present, shall become a part of this Constitution.”

J. ISAACS, W.: M. *Western Star Lodge, No. 2*;
L. C. OWEN, W.: M. *Golden Gate Lodge, No. 30*;
JACOB MAYER, P. M. and Rep. *Lebanon Lodge, No. 49*.

We propose to amend Article XIII. of the Constitution by striking out the proviso in said Article.

H. G. BROWN, W.: M. *Mountain Shade Lodge, No. 18*.
J. H. EWALT, W.: M. *Mountain Forest Lodge, No. 75*.
THOMAS P. HAWLEY, W.: M. *Nevada Lodge, No. 13*.

Both which propositions to amend were ordered to be entered upon the minutes.

Bro. J. R. CRANDALL, from the Committee on Dispensations and Charters, presented the following report: —

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of California: —

Your committee, to whom was referred the records and other papers from Lodges under Dispensation, beg leave to report that in the discharge of the duties assigned them they have examined the books and proceedings of the following Lodges; and find their work generally correct, and in accordance with the requirements of this Grand Lodge, viz.: —

<i>Arcata</i>	—	Lodge,	<i>Pajaro</i>	Lodge,	<i>Mount Zion</i>	Lodge,
<i>Mount Jefferson</i>	“		<i>Chico</i>	“	<i>Saint Mark's</i>	“
<i>Owen</i>	“		<i>Summit</i>	“	<i>Windsor</i>	“
<i>Dibble</i>	“		<i>Eden</i>	“		

Your committee find that the records of these Lodges have generally been kept in accordance with the requisitions of this Grand Lodge, and that the Lodges have adopted the code of By-Laws recommended by the Grand Lodge at its last Communication. They are, however, compelled to notice a few exceptions to the general regularity of the records. In some instances Lodges have not been closed from one regular meeting to another; but the practice of calling off for several successive meetings has obtained, notwithstanding the admonition in this particular contained in the report of the Committee on Dispensations and Charters presented at the last Annual Communication.

Your committee with pleasure refer to the records of *Owen Lodge*, as most creditable to the officers and members of that Lodge. — the large and rapid increase of whose membership must have rendered the duties of its officers arduous in the extreme. The records of *Mount Jefferson Lodge* are correct, that body constantly observing the practice of closing at each meeting. The same may be said of *Arcata Lodge*, except in an instance of the reception of a petition for initiation and its reference at a called meeting, and in the auditing of a bill on that occasion. The records of *St. Mark's, Windsor, Summit, Eden, Chico, Pajaro, and Dibble Lodges*, are in the main correct. It is recommended to *Summit Lodge*, that the names of the members present at their meetings appear hereafter on their records. The records of *Mount Zion Lodge* do not show any authority for its organization or existence; the names of its members other than the officers are not mentioned in the minutes; and at a stated Communication held April 7th, the Lodge was opened in the third degree, and so remained open until the 28th of that month. In other respects the work appears correct.

Your committee are convinced that the errors above alluded to were the result only of a want of Masonic experience, and believe that the good inclinations of those having charge of these Lodges will lead them to a better acquaintance with the Constitutions of Masonry and the requirements of this Grand Lodge.

Respecting *Folsom Lodge*, your committee find that its records have been very irregularly kept; they do not show whether meetings were stated or special, and they do not in all cases show who were present. At some meetings of the Lodge, the names of the W. Master and Secretary only appear; the minutes have been approved at a called or special meeting, and when the business for which the Lodge was called together was completed, it was called off instead of being closed. The records do not show by what authority the Lodge was organized; and it has not completed any work — not yet having conferred the third degree.

Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:—

Resolved, That Charters be issued to *Arcata, Mount Jefferson, Owen, Dibble, Pajaro, Chico, Summit, Eden, Mount Zion, Saint Mark's*, and *Windsor Lodges*; and that their representatives present be admitted to seats as members of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Dispensation of *Folsom Lodge* be continued until the next Annual Communication.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. R. CRANDALL,	} Committee.
J. W. HARVILLE,	
WM. A. JANUARY,	
E. C. SOUTHWORTH,	
JOS. DE BELL,	

Which report was received and concurred in, and the resolutions accompanying it were adopted.

Bro. F. L. JACKSON presented a petition from *Suisun Lodge*, No. 55, praying for assistance to educate the daughter of a deceased Mason; which was referred to the Committee on Education.

The Grand Secretary offered the following resolution:—

Which report was received and concurred in, and the brethren therein named were admitted to seats.

Bro. J. R. CRANDALL, from the Committee on Dispensations and Charters, presented the following report:—

To the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of California:—

Your committee, to whom was referred the petitions of a constitutional number of brethren residing respectively at Vallecito, in the county of Calaveras, and at Meadow Valley, in the county of Plumas, both praying for Dispensations empowering them to assemble respectively at the above named places, and work as legal Lodges, respectfully report; that they find the said petitions to be in proper form, and that the requisite certificates and recommendations accompany them in accordance with Masonic usages, and the requirements of this Grand Lodge. They therefore recommend that Dispensations be issued to open *Vallecito* Lodge, at Vallecito, in Calaveras county, and *Franklin* Lodge, at Meadow Valley, in Plumas county, in accordance with the prayer of the petitioners.

Your committee have also had referred to them the petition of certain brethren residing in the city of Sacramento, praying for a Dispensation or Charter empowering them to form and open a new Lodge in that city, by the name of *Concord* Lodge. Accompanying the petition are all the requisite certificates and recommendations, in accordance with Masonic usages and the requirements of this Grand Lodge.

Your committee further report that the Charter of *E. K. Kane* Lodge, No. 72, having been destroyed by fire, a Dispensation empowering it to continue work was issued by the *M.:W.:* Grand Master, which is now returned with a petition that a new Charter be granted to that Lodge.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:—

Resolved, That a Charter be issued to *Concord* Lodge, No. —, to be located in the City of Sacramento; and that Bro. JOHN L. THOMPSON be therein named as Master, Bro. THOMAS JOHNSON, as Senior Warden, and Bro. CHARLES L. WHITE, as Junior Warden.

Resolved, That a new Charter be issued to *E. K. Kane* Lodge, No. 72, in lieu of that destroyed by fire, free of charge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. R. CRANDALL,	} Committee.
J. W. HARVILLE,	
WM. A. JANUARY,	
E. C. SOUTHWORTH,	
JOS. DE BELL,	

Which report was received and concurred in, and the resolutions accompanying it were adopted.

Bro. N. G. CURTIS, from the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, presented the following report:—

To the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of California:—

Your committee, to whom was referred the petition of *Ione* Lodge, No. 80, praying for a Dispensation to re-ballot upon the petition of Bro. J. B. AIKINS, a Fellow Craft of that Lodge, for the third degree of Masonry, have had the same under consideration and respectfully beg leave to report: That they are of opinion that Dispensations should only be granted upon extraordinary occasions or for excellent reasons. The ballot-box is the bulwark of Masonry, and after the Lodge is closed the decision of the ballot is final. If it were otherwise, a Lodge might be taken by surprise, and, in the words of the old regulation, "a turbulent member might be imposed upon it." In the absence of any special enactment on

the subject, your committee are of opinion that the application of Apprentices or Fellow Crafts for advancement, should, after they have been once rejected by ballot, be governed by the same principles which regulate the ballot on petitions for initiation, as expressed in the 14th Section of Article X. of the Constitution, and which require a probation of one year. We therefore recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be not granted.

Your committee have also examined the memorial of *Quitman Lodge*, No. 88, relative to a similar case. The question involved seems to have been fully provided for by Standing Resolution No. 40 ; and the language of that resolution, your committee are of opinion, necessarily implies a second ballot.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. GREENE CURTIS,	} Committee.
E. LANE,	
E. BOGARDUS,	
JNO. C. BURCH,	
THOS. M. REED,	

Which report was received and concurred in.

Bro. A. G. ABELL, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the following report : —

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California : —

Your committee, to whom was referred the memorial of certain brethren of the Jewish faith residing in Marysville, praying that this Grand Lodge may express some opinion relative to the recent alleged action of the Grand Lodge of Hanover, by which it is declared that Masonry is strictly a *Christian Institution*, beg leave to report, that this body has, through its Committee on Foreign Correspondence, sufficiently set forth its opinions upon that subject during the past three years. And it is only reiterating those opinions to say that Masonry is not only not especially a Christian Order, but that it is not a religious one at all, except in so far as it requires a belief in the existence and omnipotence of a Supreme Being, and the observance of the moral law.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALEX. G. ABELL,
Chairman Com. For. Correspondence.

Which report was received and concurred in.

Bro. GEO. JOHNSTON presented a memorial from *Iowa Hill Lodge*, No. 63, complaining that *Illinoistown Lodge*, No. 51, had infringed its jurisdiction, by conferring the degrees of Masonry upon persons residing nearer to it than to the last named Lodge ; which was referred to the Committee on Grievances.

Bro. CHAS. MARSH, from the Committee on Finance and Accounts, presented the following reports : —

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California : —

Your committee, to whom was referred the petition of *Petaluma Lodge*, No. 77, respectfully report that they have carefully examined the circumstances which have induced that Lodge to make an application for relief to this Grand Lodge ; and, while it is their opinion that under no ordinary circumstances should a subordinate Lodge ask of this body relief from its pecuniary embarrassment, — the means for such charity being in fact drawn from other subordinate Lodges, as little able to give perhaps as the applicants themselves, — yet as the circumstances in this case show a continued train of misfortunes, and inasmuch as the request is for a remission of dues for the year A. L. 5855, to pay which further time

was granted until the present year, and as the misfortunes of the Lodge have continued during the past year, its Hall having fallen down and its furniture been destroyed,—your Committee have thought proper to recommend the adoption of the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the dues of *Petaluma Lodge*, No. 77, for the year ending March 4th, A. L. 5856, be and are hereby remitted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. MARSH, THOS. P. HAWLEY, JOS. TYSON, J. S. BLACKWELL, A. D. PARK,	} Committee.
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To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California :—

Your committee, to whom was referred the petition of *Nebraska Lodge*, No. 71, asking for a remission of its dues, respectfully submit the following report :—The petition sets forth that the Lodge has become embarrassed by the erection of a new Hall, and is, in consequence, unable to meet its liabilities. Your committee do not deem that a sufficient reason for a remission of its dues, but in consideration thereof, would recommend the adoption of the following resolution :—

Resolved, That *Nebraska Lodge*, No. 71, be granted time until the fourth day of March next, for the payment of its dues.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES MARSH, THOMAS P. HAWLEY, J. TYSON, J. S. BLACKWELL, A. D. PARK,	} Committee.
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To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California :—

Your committee, to whom was referred the report of the Masonic Board of Relief, of the City of San Francisco, beg leave to report : that they have read with much pleasure and satisfaction the communication of said Board, and highly commend the zeal and Masonic spirit which resulted in the formation of so thorough an organization for the dispensation of charities to distressed Brother Masons, their widows and orphans. They would recommend to Lodges in towns, where it is possible and convenient, to form associations of a similar character ; and they further recommend to the Lodges throughout the State that they comply with the suggestions contained in the Grand Master's Address having relation to this subject.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES MARSH, THOMAS P. HAWLEY, JOS. TYSON, J. S. BLACKWELL, A. D. PARK,	} Committee.
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To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California :—

Your committee, to whom was referred a communication from Bro. ROBERT MORRIS, of Kentucky, relative to the publication of the "Universal Masonic Library," respectfully report that they believe it would be of great and permanent advantage to the Craft, that every Lodge throughout this jurisdiction be the possessor of so useful a collection of standard Masonic works ; and as, from the communication sent to the Grand Secretary by Bro. MORRIS, it appears that he will perhaps be unable to complete the enterprise he has undertaken for lack of pecuniary means, a result which, in the opinion of your committee, would be most unfortunate for the Craft, they recommend the adoption of the following resolution :—

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge recommend to each subordinate Lodge throughout its jurisdiction (if consistent with its pecuniary resources) that it purchase

at as early a period as practicable, the Universal Masonic Library, edited by Bro. ROBERT MORRIS.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. MARSH,	} Committee.
THOS. P. HAWLEY,	
JOS. TYSON,	
J. L. BLACKWELL,	
A. D. PARK,	

All which reports were received and concurred in, and the resolutions accompanying them were adopted.

On motion of Bro. E. LANE, so much of the vote on concurrence with the report of the Committee on Dispensations and Charters, presented this morning, as related to the issue of a Dispensation to open a Lodge at Meadow Valley, in Plumas county, to be called *Franklin Lodge*, was re-considered; and, on his motion, that portion of said report was not concurred in.

Bro. J. W. CLAIBORNE, from the Committee on Grievances, presented the following reports:—

To the M.:W.:Grand Lodge of California:—

Your committee, to whom was referred that portion of the *M.:W.:Grand Master's* address relative to the suspension of J. J. MAY from the Mastership of *Caymus Lodge*, No. 93, and to whom was also referred the papers relative to his expulsion from all the rights and privileges of Masonry, by the subsequent action of his Lodge, with an accompanying petition for a suspension of the sentence of the Lodge and a new hearing thereon, beg leave to report:—That all the action taken in this matter seems to have been justly demanded by the facts, and regular in execution. The petition for a new hearing upon the expulsion is grounded alone upon his failure to appear in answer to the summons sent him, which lays no fault at the door of the Lodge.

Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the suspension of J. J. MAY from his office as Master of *Caymus Lodge*, No. 93, by the *M.:W.:Grand Master*, is approved; and that his subsequent expulsion by that Lodge is affirmed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. W. CLAIBORNE,	} Committee.
O. C. WHEELER,	
E. S. RUGGLES,	
GEO. JOHNSTON,	

To the M.:W.:Grand Lodge of California:—

Your committee, to whom was referred that portion of the *M.:W.:Grand Master's* address relating to the affairs of *Rose's Bar Lodge*, No. 89, beg leave to report:—

That the papers in this case show a petition, dated February 25th, 1857, requesting a Dispensation from the Grand Master to re-ballot upon the application of a rejected candidate. This petition, for excellent reasons, was not granted, inasmuch as facts presented to him in connection with it showed unusual freedom in construing the moral law of Masonry and the respect due to the ballot-box. Bro. CHARLES MARSH was instructed to visit the Lodge, and to report in regard to this matter and to the general condition of its affairs. This instruction was complied with, and the report made in pursuance thereof, under date of March 8th, 1857, concludes by saying: "I think the lesson has been a good one, and if per-

mitted to go on, I believe they will meet and perform their duties as Masons in unanimity and brotherly love."

Your committee would therefore recommend that no further action be taken in the matter, but that the whole be left to the discretion of the Grand Master as heretofore.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. W. CLAIBORNE, O. C. WHEELER, E. S. RUGGLES, GEO. JOHNSTON,	}	Committee.
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To the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of California:—

Your committee, to whom was referred the petition of *Naval Lodge*, No. 87, asking, for reasons therein presented, that the names of three individuals may be erased from their Charter, respectfully report: that the case is of such a singular character, and is surrounded by circumstances of such serious import, that they are induced to suggest as the best method of relief, that the brethren of said Lodge ask for a new Charter, from which such names as are objected to may be excluded. They therefor offer the following resolution for adoption:—

Resolved, That a new Charter be issued to *Naval Lodge*, No. 87, if desired, free of expense, save the Grand Secretary's fee.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. W. CLAIBORNE, O. C. WHEELER, E. S. RUGGLES, GEO. JOHNSTON,	}	Committee.
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To the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of California:—

Your committee, to whom was referred the appeal of J. McD. Ross, expelled by *Tuolumne Lodge*, No. 8, March 21st, 1857, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the papers in that case, and find the decision made to be solely and simply this: That inasmuch as the appellant received the three degrees of Masonry without having paid the fees therefor, he is guilty of "having obtained money under false pretences!" Sufficient testimony, in the opinion of the committee, is contained in the appeal papers, (to wit, that of the Worshipful Master, presiding at the trial.) to show that in November, 1856, property was placed in the hands of the first officer of the Lodge, by the appellant, sufficient to fully meet all his indebtedness to that body; from which it must be concluded that there has been no clear disposition evinced to wrong the Lodge.

Your committee feel some regret at being compelled to differ from the action of this Lodge, when the names appearing would seem to pre-suppose such mature judgment in Masonic jurisprudence. They do not consider it safe, however, for the Grand Lodge to pursue a course which might seem a protection of an officer in neglect of duty, and they cannot think otherwise than that the sentence which has been passed, was based upon too harsh a construction of the facts, inasmuch as each of the three facts of indebtedness can be argued to have accrued before the accused was masonically responsible. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the decision of *Tuolumne Lodge*, No. 8, in the case of J. McD. Ross, be reversed, and that Bro. Ross be and is hereby restored to all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. W. CLAIBORNE, O. C. WHEELER, E. S. RUGGLES, GEO. JOHNSTON,	}	Committee.
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All which reports were received and concurred in, and the resolutions accompanying them were adopted.

The Grand Master announced that the hour for the special order,

being the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, had arrived; and, after a few remarks to the Grand Lodge, expressive of his grateful appreciation of the high honor which it had thrice conferred upon him, expressed his desire not again to be considered a candidate for any office in its gift.

On motion of Bro. J. J. PAPY, the thanks of the Grand Lodge were unanimously tendered to the Grand Master for the zeal, fidelity and ability with which he had discharged his duties during his long term of office.

The Grand Master named Bros. J. C. BURCH and J. W. CLAIBORNE as tellers, and the Grand Lodge proceeded to ballot.

Bro. N. GREENE CURTIS was elected Grand Master of Masons for the State of California.

On motion of Bro. P. W. SHEPHEARD, all members were granted leave of absence who desired it, provided one representative of their respective Lodges remained.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

In Grand Lodge.

AFTERNOON SESSION,
Friday, May 15th, A. L. 5857. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 2 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Master presiding.

The election of Grand Officers was resumed; and

Bro. CHARLES MARSH was elected Deputy Grand Master, and

Bro. AARON D. PARK was elected Senior Grand Warden.

A ballot for Junior Grand Warden resulted in no choice, and the Grand Lodge was then called off until 7 o'clock, this evening.

In Grand Lodge.,

EVENING SESSION,
Friday, May 15th, A. L. 5857. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 7 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Master presiding.

The election of Grand Officers was again resumed, and

Bro. JOHN B. BOPE was elected Junior Grand Warden;

Bro. ADDISON MARTIN was re-elected Grand Treasurer; and

Bro. ALEX. G. ABELL was re-elected Grand Secretary.

In accordance with a resolution adopted at the last Annual Communication, the following brethren were unanimously elected Trustees of the Masonic Hall fund, viz. : —

Bro. JOHN F. MORSE, of *Tehama* - Lodge, No. 3,....Sacramento ;
 “ RECTOR E. COLE, of *California* “ “ 1,....San Francisco ;
 “ WM. H. HOWARD, of *San José* “ “ 10,....San José.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

In Grand Lodge.

MORNING SESSION,
Saturday, May 16th, A. L. 5857. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 10 o'clock A. M., the Grand Master presiding.

After prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the minutes of the sessions of yesterday were read and approved.

Bro. B. DENNERY presented a petition from *Parfaite Union* Lodge, No. 17, praying for a remission of its dues; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

Bro. H. F. WILLIAMS, from the special committee upon the subject of “Side Degrees,” presented the following report: —

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of California:—

Your committee, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address, which alludes to the conferring of the so called "Side Degrees in Masonry," have had the same under consideration, and, being fully impressed with the evil tendency of those so called degrees, would recommend prompt and decisive action on the part of this Grand Lodge to discountenance and reprehend them. To treat the subject with further indifference, for the reason as urged by some, that said degrees, being no part or parcel of legitimate Masonry, are consequently unfit subjects for Masonic legislation, is, in the opinion of your committee, simply an unreasonable evasion of a question which should be met and acted upon decisively. While these degrees are conferred by Masons, in Masonic Lodge Rooms, and as Masonic Degrees, their toleration is virtually their endorsement; and, though some of them may seem to possess sufficient merit to justify such tacit approval, your committee are fully persuaded that the greater number of them are worse than worthless, and most injurious in their consequences—tending as they must necessarily do, to destroy that sublimity which we proudly ascribe to the time-honored degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason.

While your committee heartily approve of the remedies contemplated in the Grand Master's address, and most earnestly recommend them to the consideration of the Craft at large, they desire to see immediate action taken by this Grand Lodge to check what they conceive to be great and growing evil; and in furtherance of that desire they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the "Side Degrees," so called, form no part of legitimate Masonry, and the conferring them hereafter within Masonic Lodge rooms is prohibited throughout this jurisdiction.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. F. WILLIAMS, JAS. Z. KELLY, JAMES ALLEN,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
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Which report was received; and, after some discussion, it was laid over for consideration at the next Annual Communication, and the committee was discharged.

Bro. J. W. CLAIBORNE, from the Committee on Grievances, presented the following reports:—

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of California:—

Your committee, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's Address relating to his suspension of Bro. J. K. SHAFER, from the Mastership of *San Joaquin* Lodge, No. 19, beg leave to report, that this case has its origin in the complaint of a Grand officer of your M.: W.: Body. This Grand officer is not present, and your committee are of the opinion that the open and direct action of the Grand Lodge would be more satisfactory to the parties complaining than anything your committee can recommend; and they believe it will be equally satisfactory to the accused. Although fully sensible of the propriety of having kept the subject from the floor of this body, yet upon deliberate and mature reflection, they have at last concluded to offer the following resolution for adoption:—

Resolved, That two o'clock this afternoon be appointed as the hour for a hearing of the charges against Bro. J. K. SHAFER, Past Master of *San Joaquin* Lodge, No. 19.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. W. CLAIBORNE, O. C. WHEELER, E. S. RUGGLES, GEO. JOHNSTON,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
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To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of California:—

Your committee, to whom were referred the papers relative to a trial in *Ophir*

Lodge, No. 33, beg leave to report that no authenticated copy of the proceedings in that case has been presented to them, and they do not deem it proper therefore to report the party complained of. It is, however, a case in which charges have been preferred by one brother against another, and the accused having been acquitted, the accuser appeals from the action of the Lodge. Enough has been shown to make it seem probable that there were some irregularities in the trial, and that prudence and watchfulness will be necessary to preserve order and harmony in that Lodge. Your committee, therefore, offer the following resolution for adoption :—

Resolved, That the attention of the *M. W.* Grand Master be invited to the affairs of *Ophir* Lodge, No. 33; and that, should it seem proper in his discretion to order a new trial in the matters alluded to, as there seems to be a sufficient division of sentiment among the members of that Lodge to greatly embarrass its present Master, it is suggested that he issue a commission to some Master or Past Master in that vicinity to preside on such occasion.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. W. CLAIBORNE, O. C. WHEELER, E. S. RUGGLES, GEO. JOHNSTON.	}	<i>Committee.</i>
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Both which reports were received and concurred in, and the resolutions accompanying them were adopted.

Bro. T. M. REED, from the special committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's Address relative to his arrest of the Charter of *San Francisco* Lodge, No. 7, and the accompanying papers, presented a report, embodying a statement* of the facts in that case, to which all the committee assented, though they did not agree upon the conclusion to be arrived at. A majority presented the following recommendation :—

We recommend that the whole subject of the difficulties in *San Francisco* Lodge, No. 7, be acted upon in open Grand Lodge, in such manner as in its wisdom may be deemed advisable, and that the committee be discharged from its further consideration.

THOS. M. REED, EDGAR BOGARDUS, E. S. RUGGLES,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
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A minority of the committee offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the Charter of *San Francisco* Lodge, No. 7. be restored.

CHAS. MARSH, GEO. JOHNSTON,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
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The report was received and concurred in; and, pending the discussion of the recommendation and resolution accompanying it, the Grand Lodge was called off until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

* Ordered not to be printed. See Evening Session, May 16th, A. L. 5857. — [A. G. A., Gr. Sec.]

In Grand Lodge.

AFTERNOON SESSION,
Saturday, May 16th, A. L. 5857. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 2 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Master presiding.

Bro. GEO. JOHNSTON presented a communication from *Iowa Hill* Lodge, No. 63, relative to the case of J. T. HILL, referred to it at the last Communication ; which, upon his motion, was referred to a special committee of three.

The Grand Master named as such committee —

<i>On the Communication from Iowa Hill Lodge,...</i>	} Bro. R. F. Knott, " H. F. Williams, " T. P. Hawley.
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The subject pending when the Grand Lodge was called off this morning, being the consideration of the propositions offered by the Special Committee on the affairs of *San Francisco* Lodge, No. 7, was then taken up.

Bro. JOS. ISAACS moved that the whole matter be referred to the Masters of the several Lodges in the City of San Francisco ; which motion did not prevail.

Bro. H. F. WILLIAMS offered the following as a substitute for the resolution presented by the minority of the committee : —

Resolved, That the Charter of San Francisco Lodge, No. 7, be restored to that Lodge, with the direction to its Master that he summon its members again to try Bro. T. KELLY : and that the *M. W.* Grand Master be requested to be present at the trial.

Which substitute was adopted, the whole matter was thus disposed of, and the committee was discharged.

The special order for this hour, being the examination of the charges against Bro. J. K. SHAFER, P. M. of *San Joaquin* Lodge, No. 19, was then taken up ; and after the papers in that case had been read and the statement of Bro. SHAFER heard, the following resolution was adopted : —

Resolved, That while this Grand Lodge approves the action of the Grand Master in suspending Bro. J. K. SHAFER from the exercise of his duties as Master of

San Joaquin Lodge, No. 19, inasmuch as no proper testimony has been adduced in support of the charges here presented against him, it is ordered that the case be dismissed.

Bro. N. G. CURTIS offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the regulations for trials be referred to a committee for revision and amendment.

Which resolution was adopted, and the regulations were referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

Bro. CHAS. MARSH, from the Committee on Finance and Accounts, presented the following reports:—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California :—

Your committee, to whom was referred the petition of *Parfaite Union* Lodge, No. 17, for a remission of its dues, respectfully report that the only reason assigned for such prayer is poverty, which is not, in the opinion of your committee, sufficient to warrant the Grand Lodge in granting it; but in view of the present embarrassed condition of that Lodge, they recommend the adoption of the following resolution :—

Resolved, That *Parfaite Union* Lodge, No. 17, be granted until the fourth day of March next, for the payment of its dues for the year ending March fourth, 1856.

CHARLES MARSH.	} Committee.
THOS. P. HAWLEY,	
JOS. TYSON,	
J. S. BLACKWELL,	
A. D. PARK,	

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California :—

Your committee, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's Address relative to *Hawaiian* Lodge, No. 21, with sundry papers having reference thereto, after giving the subject that careful attention which it demanded, respectfully report that, from the peculiar and exposed situation of that Lodge, it being like the outpost of a far-off frontier, and from its situation at a point which may well be called the great half-way house of the broad Pacific—the ocean oasis to so many weary mariners—it is necessary for it, in fact it is compelled, to collect and dispense a much greater amount for charity, probably, than any Lodge within this jurisdiction; many of its recipients doubtless hailing from our own shores, thus showing a bright reflection on the broad ocean mirror of the most ennobling attribute of our time-honored Fraternity. Under these considerations, your committee offer the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the dues of *Hawaiian* Lodge, No. 21, for the year ending March 4th, 1857, be and are hereby remitted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES MARSH.	} Committee.
THOS. P. HAWLEY,	
JOS. TYSON,	
J. S. BLACKWELL,	
A. D. PARK,	

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California :—

Your committee, to whom was referred the Annual Report of the R. W. Grand Secretary, respectfully report that they have carefully examined the books, accounts and vouchers of that officer, and find that the total amount received by him and paid to the Grand Treasurer during the year ending the fourth of March, 1857, was.....\$7861 00 and that he has drawn upon the Grand Treasurer during the year, in accordance with resolutions of the Grand Lodge, orders amounting to the sum of...\$6235 99

The committee take great pleasure in expressing their satisfaction, not only with the neat, correct and well-ordered manner in which the books and papers of the Grand Lodge have been kept by the Grand Secretary, but with the ability and industry which have characterized his conduct of its correspondence, and his general management of all its affairs appertaining to his office. The labors of that officer have greatly increased within the past two years, and during the last year, especially, they have been very onerous, — requiring not only the bestowal of nearly all his own time, but all that of his Assistant — and as your committee are of the opinion that the amount of compensation which he receives is not at all proportioned to the amount and value of the services he performs, they propose, in another report herewith presented, to increase his salary for the present year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES MARSH,	} Committee.
THOS. P. HAWLEY,	
JOS. TYSON,	
J. S. BLACKWELL,	
A. D. PARK,	

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California : —

Your committee, to whom was referred the Annual Report of the R. W. Grand Treasurer, find, after a thorough examination of the books and vouchers of that officer, that at the close of the last fiscal year there remained in the treasury a balance of..... \$ 479 32
And that he has received from the Grand Secretary during the year ending March fourth, 1857, the sum of..... 7861 00

Making a total amount to the debit of the Grand Treasurer, of..... \$8340 32

He has disbursed, upon warrants properly drawn by the Grand Secretary, the sum of..... \$6235 99

And upon an order of the Grand Master, to pay the expenses of the Committee on Work, which assembled in Sacramento, in July last, the sum of..... 352 50

Making the total amount of disbursements, to his credit,..... \$6588 49

And leaving in the treasury, on the fourth day of March last, a balance of..... 1751 83

There is to be deducted from this amount the sum of..... 283 34

Being a balance, due and undrawn, of the salary of the Grand Secretary for the past year, which will leave remaining in the treasury the sum of..... \$1468 49

For all the foregoing, satisfactory accounts and vouchers have been submitted, and your committee take pleasure in acknowledging the correct and business-like manner in which the Grand Treasurer has discharged his official duties.

It will be seen that the expenses of the past year are within the amounts appropriated at the last Communication, and it is evident that the officers having in charge the disbursement of the funds of the Grand Lodge, have practiced the most rigid economy possible. In proof of this, witness the diminution of expenses as compared with those of the preceding year. They reached the sum of \$9,490 08; while the total amount expended, and to be expended, for the year just past, is but \$6,871 83 — a difference of \$2,618 25, — affording the best commentary upon the carefulness of the officer upon whose warrants the disbursements were made, especially when it is recollected how largely the business of his office has increased.

Your committee recommend that, of the \$1,468 49 remaining in the Treasury, the sum of \$1000, be placed in the hands of the Trustees of the Masonic Hall Fund, for the purposes set forth in the resolution upon that subject adopted at the last Communication, as soon as they shall have given the bonds therein prescribed; and that the excess of \$468 49 be transferred to the general account for

the present year. They further recommend that the following amounts be appropriated for the expenses of the present year, and that the expenditures for account of the Grand Lodge be confined within those sums, viz :—

For expenses of Grand Officers, and of the Grand Master's office.....	\$500 00
For printing, and contingent expenses of the Grand Secretary's office..	2500 00
For salary of the Grand Secretary.....	2400 00
For salary of the Grand Treasurer.....	100 00
For salary of the Assistant Grand Secretary.....	400 00
For services of the Grand Tyler.....	100 00

Making a total amount appropriated, of..... \$6000 00
All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES MARSH, THOS. P. HAWLEY, JOS. TYSON, J. S. BLACKWELL, A. D. PARK,	} Committee.
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All which reports were received and concurred in, and the resolutions accompanying them were adopted.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 7 o'clock this evening.

In Grand Lodge.

EVENING SESSION,
Saturday, May 16th, A. L. 5857. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 7 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Master presiding.

On motion of Bro. C. MARSH, it was ordered that the report of the special committee upon the matter of *San Francisco* Lodge, No. 7, be omitted in the printed proceedings, with the exception of the recommendation and resolution with which it terminates.

Bro. J. B. HENDERSON offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to subscribe for a copy of the Masonic Library, edited by Bro. ROBERT MORRIS, of Kentucky ; and that he draw upon the Grand Treasurer for the amount of the cost thereof.

Which resolution, after being amended by substituting for "a copy," the words "two copies," was adopted.

The Grand Master, from the special committee appointed at the last Communication to assemble in Sacramento for the purpose of revising

the work of this jurisdiction, presented a report upon that subject, which was received.

Bro. N. G. CURTIS, from the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, presented the following report : —

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California : —

Your committee, to whom was referred the rules relative to trials, for revision and amendment, have discharged the duty assigned them, and respectfully beg leave to submit the following amendments for adoption : —

Strike out all after the word "Lodge" in the first subdivision of the fourth rule, and insert the following : — "and the vote thereon shall be by ballot."

Strike out the last sentence of the sixth rule, and insert the following : — "In all cases a vote of two-thirds shall be necessary to find a verdict of guilty, and a like majority shall be necessary to expel or suspend ; but a majority shall be sufficient to reprimand or censure."

N. GREENE CURTIS,	} Committee.
E. LANE,	
E. BOGARDUS,	
J. C. BURCH,	
T. M. REED,	

Which report was received and concurred in, and the rules were amended as therein proposed.

Bro. CHAS. MARSH offered the following resolutions : —

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge recommends to the Lodges and Masons within its jurisdiction the beautiful republication of its proceedings from its organization to and including the year 1854, prepared and published by the Grand Secretary ; and strongly urges the propriety of liberal subscriptions for a work so useful, that he may be reimbursed for the great expense he has incurred in its preparation.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to have three hundred copies of the printed proceedings of 1855 and 1856, now on hand, bound in the same manner as the volumes published by himself ; and that he be authorized to dispose of them, for account of the Grand Lodge, at such price as shall be sufficient to cover the cost thereof.

Which resolutions were adopted.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 10 o'clock, A. M., on Monday morning.

In Grand Lodge.

MORNING SESSION, }
Monday, May 18th, A. L. 5857. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 10 o'clock, A. M., the Grand Master presiding.

After prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the minutes of the sessions of Saturday last were read and approved.

Bro. N. G. CURTIS, from the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, presented the following reports:—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—

Your committee, to whom were referred certain portions of the Grand Master's address relative to the qualifications of Masters of Lodges,—a modification of the resolution concerning citizens of California made Masons abroad,—and the jurisdiction of subordinate Lodges—have carefully and deliberately investigated those subjects. They very much regret the necessity which forces them to arrive at a different conclusion than that entertained by the Grand Master, in reference to the qualifications of a Master. They do not conceive it to be absolutely necessary that the Master of a Lodge should have previously served as a Warden, although this seems to be the doctrine of many enlightened Masons, for whose opinions they entertain great respect. It sometimes happens that a Warden is elected who is destitute of the requisite qualifications to act as a presiding officer, and it would seem injudicious to force him upon the Lodge another year as its Master, thus depriving its members of the right of exercising their own free will in the selection of their rulers.

In reference to citizens of California, made Masons while abroad, your committee are of opinion that the action heretofore taken by this Grand Lodge is too stringent, and is calculated to punish those who have committed no wrong, as the initiate should not be held responsible for any violation of our jurisdictional rights by foreign Masonic bodies. They would therefore recommend that the 50th standing resolution be so amended as to read as follows:—

“*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge having recognized the principle that no one shall be initiated into the mysteries of our Order, except in the Lodge nearest his place of residence, (unless by the proper permission) and having by an established regulation, taken care to avoid infringing the jurisdictional rights of others, will not tolerate that its own be invaded; and it is therefore ordered that no Lodge subordinate to the Grand Lodge of California, shall admit to membership any person who, being at the time a resident of this State, has received, or claims to have received the degrees of Masonry from any source beyond the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, without proper permission from the Lodge nearest his place of residence, until he shall have paid into the hands of the Secretary of the Lodge to which he applies for membership, the full amount charged by that Lodge for conferring the degrees, less the sum paid by him to the Lodge in which he received them.”

In reference to the jurisdiction of subordinate Lodges, your committee are of opinion that distance should not govern that in all cases, but that applications should be made to the nearest and most accessible Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. GREENE CURTIS,	} Committee.
E. LANE,	
E. BOGARDUS,	
J. C. BURCH,	
THOS. M. REED.	

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—

Your committee, to whom was referred the communication from *Hawaiian Lodge*. No. 21, at Honolulu, in the Hawaiian Islands, relative to the difficulties existing between that Lodge and the so called Lodge *Le Progrès de L'Océanie*, at that place, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to submit the following report:—Our brethren of *Hawaiian Lodge*, feeling naturally enough that the position in which they are placed in regard to their friends and fellow-townsmen of the body above named, is disagreeable and painful, are most desirous that some means may be devised to restore a harmonious intercourse with those with whom their social relations are so intimate. Under the influence of this feeling, they

have permitted their neighborly impulses to overcome their Masonic judgment, and they again urgently request further action at our hands upon this subject — action which, to meet their implied desires, must be of a character totally different from that had at our last Annual Communication, for their benefit. In fact, it is complained that the conclusions then arrived at had the undesigned effect of rendering their difficulties still more intricate, rather than that of affording them relief. If this has unhappily been the case, our brethren should attribute it more to an over-zeal on their own part, which led them to represent their grievances in a strong light to the Grand Lodge, than to inattention on the part of that body. The resolution adopted at the last Communication was, in our opinion, a proper and necessary one; and if the facts are as they then appeared to be from all the information which the Grand Lodge had in its possession, so far from repealing or modifying that resolution we should rather feel called upon to require *Hawaiian* Lodge to observe a strict obedience to it, even if in so doing all those who have hitherto shown themselves to be “good and true” should abandon them and “worship at altars erected to false Gods.” No Mason should hold Masonic communication with any person until he is satisfied fully and beyond a doubt that that person is a brother: nor should one Lodge commune with another until it has assurance that that other has been properly established and has a legal existence; and a brother who visits a Lodge styling itself as one of Masons, without being satisfied of its lawful authority to meet and work, does that which shows a total disregard of those teachings which he received at the very threshold of our Institution.

Yet whilst we would by every guard preserve the fraternity within this jurisdiction from imposition, still would we be equally careful that none who can establish a claim to our fraternal consideration should in the slightest degree be treated with disrespect. With these views then, we would be most happy to know that the organization styled “*Le Progrès de l’Océanie*” was really what it professes to be, a legal Masonic organization under any jurisdiction recognized by us. That pure and holy Masonic spirit which is ever to be found in a true Masonic Lodge, induces Lodges properly established to afford not only to separate organizations of known legal existence, evidence of its recognized authority to work, but even deigns to satisfy a single member of that separate organization, should he desire it. Now as our brethren of *Hawaiian* Lodge have, or should have been ever ready to afford to any and all who desired it, the proofs of their legal existence as a Lodge, so with that feeling or spirit of fraternal reciprocity which pervades all Masonic intercourse, a similar favor should be extended to our brethren of *Hawaiian* Lodge by “*Le Progrès de l’Océanie*.” It is clearly the duty of our brethren of *Hawaiian* Lodge to satisfy themselves of the legal existence of any alleged Masonic body before they enter its portals; and even had not the resolution of last year been adopted, if a member of any Lodge within this jurisdiction should knowingly sit in a Lodge styled Masonic, but not having a legal existence, no Mason could doubt his unfitness to sit thereafter in a lawful Lodge. If then Masons — those who originally were entitled to all the benefits and privileges of Masonry — in grasping at the shadow have lost the substance; if, in their great desire for change and novelty they have forgotten their first lessons and have attempted an organization without authority; and if, under these circumstances, others will persist in recognizing and holding communication with them, they must suffer the consequences of their own willfulness, and meet the penalty of their disobedience to our laws.

If *Le Progrès de l’Océanie* possesses the proofs of her legal existence and does not afford them to visitors or neighboring Lodges, the organization is undeserving of any courtesy or consideration at our hands. If there be no such proofs, the self-styled Lodge is unlawful, and must of course receive our condemnation.

What we have said of the proofs of a legal existence we wish to be understood as meaning the proofs that there was an emanation from a Masonic organization of known and recognized authority; an adherence to that authority; and a continued, constant, and unceasing existence both in the supreme and subordinate organizations. So if *Le Progrès de l’Océanie* has not these proofs, our brethren of *Hawaiian* Lodge must discard her and her misguided members.

Steps have been taken by our R. W. Grand Secretary to ascertain from France the facts in regard to the Lodge *Le Progrès de l’Océanie*, and until we are fully in-

formed upon this point, we feel it a duty we owe the great brotherhood of Masons to insist upon an observance of the resolution adopted at the last Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge. Under this resolution we are of opinion that whenever *Hawaiian* Lodge is satisfied that *Le Progrès de L'Océanie* is acting under "lawful Masonic authority," communication with it may be established; and they may satisfy themselves of this fact in whatever way to them may seem most proper.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. GREENE CURTIS,	} Committee.
E. LANE,	
E. BOGARDUS,	
JNO. C. BURCH,	
THOS. M. REED,	

Both which reports were received and concurred in, and the resolution accompanying them was adopted.

Bro. H. F. WILLIAMS, from the Committee on By-Laws, presented the following report:—

To the M.-W. Grand Lodge of California:—

Your committee, to whom were referred the By-Laws of the Subordinate Lodges, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report, that they have carefully examined all those submitted to them, and approve them, with the exception of those named below—in which they recommend the following amendments:—

Tuolumne Lodge, No. 8.—To so amend Art. V., that it may conform to the 42d Standing Resolution of the Grand Lodge; and, at the request of the Lodge, to so amend Art. VI., as to fix the fees for the degrees at thirty, twenty, and twenty-five dollars, respectively.

Mokelumne Lodge, No. 31.—To so amend Article VIII., at the request of the Lodge, as to fix the monthly dues at one dollar.

St. John's Lodge, No. 37.—To amend Sec. 1, of Art. II., at the request of the Lodge, by striking out the word "November;" and inserting the word "September;" to so amend Sec. 1, of Art. 4, that it may conform to Sec. 1, of Art. X, of the Constitution; and to amend Sec. 2, of Art. IV., at the request of the Lodge, by striking out the word "six," and inserting the word "three."

Sacramento Lodge, No. 40.—To so amend Article I., that it may conform to the 40th Standing Resolution of the Grand Lodge.

Los Angeles Lodge, No. 42.—To strike out Secs. 10 and 21, of Art. II., which are deemed improper.

Rough and Ready Lodge, No. 52.—To strike out Art. XII., as it conflicts with the established Regulations for Trials.

Union Lodge, No. 58.—To reduce the affiliation fee, at the request of the Lodge, from ten to five dollars.

Natoma Lodge, No. 64.—To so amend Sec. 1, of Art. II., that it may conform to Sec. 1, Art. X., of the Constitution; and to append the following words to Art XI.: "subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge."

Quitman Lodge, No. 88.—To strike out Art. XII, as it conflicts with the established Regulations for Trials.

Your committee would recommend that *St. James* Lodge, No. 54; *Enterprise* Lodge, No. 70; *Mount Zion* Lodge, U. D.; and *St. Mark's* Lodge, U. D., be instructed to adopt the Uniform Code of By-Laws, as recommended by the Grand Lodge at its last Communication, instead of those they now present, which contain many objectionable features. Your committee are gratified to find that full three fourths of the Lodges under this jurisdiction have already adopted said Code.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. F. WILLIAMS,	} Committee.
J. M. HAVENS,	
J. K. SMITH,	
S. F. BENJAMIN,	
E. W. POTTER,	

Which report was received and concurred in.

Bro. J. W. CLAIBORNE, from the Committee on Grievances, presented the following report :—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California :—

Your committee, to whom was referred the appeal of EDWARD CROWE, who was suspended from the rights and privileges of Masonry by *Minnesota Lodge*, No. 67, on the twelfth of June, 1856, beg leave to report, that the party appealing complains that he has been denied a transcript of the proceedings in his case; and as the committee are of the belief that he has been sufficiently dealt with, upon testimony neither conclusive in its weight (as showing evil intent) nor of the best kind and quality obtainable, they recommend the adoption of the following resolution :—

Resolved, That EDWARD CROWE be and is hereby restored to the rights and privileges of Masonry.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. W. CLAIBORNE,	} Committee.
O. C. WHEELER,	
E. S. RUGGLES,	
GEO. JOHNSTON.	

The report was received, and Bro. J. A. JACKSON moved that the following be adopted as a substitute for the resolution presented :—

Resolved, That the decision of *Minnesota Lodge*, No. 67, in the case of EDWARD CROWE, be reversed, and that a new trial thereof be ordered in that Lodge.

Which substitute was adopted, and the report of the committee, as thus amended, was concurred in.

Bro. J. W. CLAIBORNE, from the same committee, also presented the following reports :—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California :—

Your committee, to whom was referred the petition of D. N. ALLEN, of *Iowa Hill Lodge*, No. 63, asking a new hearing upon the proceedings by which he was expelled from the rights and privileges of Masonry on the 12th of August, 1856, beg leave to report that the papers in this case are well prepared and show proper care in its conduct. Two opportunities have already been given the petitioner to appear, and a third is demanded upon facts which could not be construed differently even in the event of a new trial. Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the expulsion of D. N. ALLEN from the rights and privileges of Masonry by *Iowa Hill Lodge*, No. 63, be and is hereby affirmed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. W. CLAIBORNE,	} Committee.
O. C. WHEELER,	
E. S. RUGGLES,	

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California :—

Your committee, to whom was referred the following cases, viz. :—those of JOHN M. GARDNER, expelled by *Mountain Shade Lodge*, No. 18, December 31st, 1856; PHILIP STRELITZ, expelled by *Diamond Lodge*, No. 29, January 24th, 1857; J. A. BOWDEN, expelled by *Hiram Lodge*, No. 43, April 29th, 1857; JACOB TIEHL, expelled by *Amador Lodge*, No. 65, March 17th, 1857; and WILLIAM TEKUSCH, E. A., expelled by *St. Louis Lodge*, No. 86, February 14th, 1857; beg leave to report, that as no appeals have been taken thereon, they be and are hereby each and every of them affirmed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. W. CLAIBORNE,	} Committee.
O. C. WHEELER,	
E. S. RUGGLES,	
GEO. JOHNSTON,	

Both which reports were received and concurred in, and the resolution accompanying them were adopted.

The Grand Secretary presented the following report of moneys received by him for account of the Grand Lodge from March 5th to May 16th, A. L. 5857, inclusive:—

For Dispensations to open new Lodges.

April	7.	From Windsor	Lodge, Grand Lodge Fee.....	\$75 00
May	6.	" *Franklin	" " " "	75 00
"	9.	" Vallecito	" " " "	75 00
				\$225 00

For dues of the year ending March 4th, for Chartered Lodges, and May 1st, for Lodges under Dispensation.

March	5.	From Geo. Washington	Lodge, No. 62, in full,.....	\$ 42 00
"	5.	" Michigan City	" " 47, on account,.....	75 00
"	6.	" Trinity	" " 27, in full,.....	111 00
"	6.	" Hiram	" " 43, on account,.....	57 00
"	6.	" Wisconsin Hill	" " 74, in full,.....	56 00
"	6.	" Benicia	" " 5, " "	57 00
"	11.	" E. K. Kane	" " 72, on account,.....	43 00
"	12.	" Iowa Hill	" " 63, " "	52 00
"	12.	" Mariposa	" " 24, in full,.....	82 00
"	13.	" Morning Star	" " 68, " "	58 00
"	13.	" San Joaquin	" " 19, on account,.....	48 00
"	13.	" Jefferson	" " 97, in full,.....	85 00
"	16.	" Arcata	" U. D. on account,.....	35 00
"	19.	" Mokelumne	" No. 31, in full,.....	58 00
"	19.	" Golden Gate	" " 30, " "	176 00
"	19.	" Campo Seco	" " 100, " "	32 00
"	19.	" St. John's	" " 37, on account,.....	70 00
"	20.	" San Francisco	" " 7, in full,.....	95 00
"	23.	" Eureka	" " 16, on account,.....	40 00
"	24.	" Los Angeles	" " 42, " "	79 00
"	25.	" Howard	" " 96, in full,.....	63 00
"	25.	" California	" " 1, " "	232 00
"	26.	" Gold Hill	" " 32, on account,.....	51 00
"	26.	" Union	" " 58, " "	45 00
"	26.	" Gravel Range	" " 59, " "	64 00
"	27.	" Minnesota	" " 67, " "	57 00
April	1.	" Crescent	" " 45, in full,.....	43 00
"	1.	" Rough & Ready	" " 52, " "	53 00
"	7.	" Western Star	" " 2, " "	169 00
"	7.	" Ophir	" " 33, on account,.....	47 00
"	7.	" Occidental	" " 22, in full,.....	70 00
"	9.	" Humboldt	" " 79, on account,.....	39 00
"	11.	" Mt. Hermon	" " 94, " "	53 00
"	13.	" Santa Cruz	" " 38, " "	34 00
"	14.	" San Diego	" " 35, " "	33 00
"	16.	" Suizun	" " 55, in full,.....	64 00
"	18.	" Rose's Bar	" " 89, " "	51 00
"	20.	" Owen	" U. D. " "	121 00
"	20.	" Lebanon	" No. 49, " "	108 00
"	23.	" Henry Clay	" " 95, " "	46 00
"	23.	" Siskiyou	" " 105, " "	35 00
"	25.	" Quartzburg	" " 98, " "	25 50

Amount carried forward,.....\$2854 50

* Dispensation not issued, and fee to be refunded. (A. G. A., Gr'd Sec.)

Amount brought forward.....\$2834 50

April	27.	"	Texas	-	Lodge, No. 46,	on account,	34 00
"	27.	"	Lexington	"	" 104,	in full,	31 00
"	28.	"	Yount	"	" 12,	" "	75 00
"	29.	"	St. Mark's	"	U. D.	" "	16 00
May	1.	"	Culveras	"	No. 78,	" "	51 50
"	2.	"	Bear Mountain	"	" 76,	" "	36 00
"	4.	"	Arcata	"	U. D.	balance in full,	50 00
"	6.	"	Santa Clara	"	No. 34,	on account,	47 00
"	6.	"	Vesper	"	" 84,	in full,	40 00
"	6.	"	Mt. Jefferson	"	U. D.	" "	40 00
"	6.	"	Pajaro	"	U. D.	" "	26 00
"	9.	"	San José	"	No. 10,	" "	78 00
"	11.	"	Columbia	"	" 28,	on account,	114 00
"	11.	"	Forbestown	"	" 50,	in full,	44 00
"	11.	"	Plumas	"	" 60,	in full for 1856 and '57,	154 00
"	12.	"	Yuba	"	" 39,	in full,	59 00
"	12.	"	Nevada	"	" 13,	" "	103 00
"	12.	"	Tyro	"	" 73,	" "	33 00
"	12.	"	Madison	"	" 23,	" "	115 00
"	12.	"	Forest	"	" 66,	" "	122 00
"	12.	"	St. James	"	" 54,	" "	45 00
"	12.	"	Hiram	"	" 43,	on account,	4 00
"	12.	"	Quitman	"	" 88,	in full,	107 00
"	12.	"	Rising Star	"	" 83,	" "	56 00
"	12.	"	Santa Rosa	"	" 57,	on account,	86 00
"	12.	"	Iowa Hill	"	" 63,	balance in full,	1 00
"	12.	"	Petaluma	"	" 77,	in full,	65 00
"	12.	"	St. Louis	"	" 86,	" "	74 00
"	12.	"	Mt. Moriah	"	" 44,	" "	190 00
"	12.	"	Minzanita	"	" 102,	on account,	67 00
"	12.	"	Eden	"	U. D.	in full,	38 00
"	12.	"	Natoma	"	No. 64,	" "	48 50
"	12.	"	Orcville	"	" 103,	" "	95 00
"	12.	"	Mt. Zion	"	U. D.	" "	37 00
"	12.	"	E. K. Kane	"	No. 72,	balance in full,	6 00
"	12.	"	Diamond	"	" 29,	in full,	53 00
"	12.	"	Tuolumne	"	" 8,	" "	93 00
"	12.	"	Mountain Shade	"	" 18,	on account,	102 00
"	12.	"	Mountain Forest	"	" 75,	in full,	77 00
"	12.	"	Gold Hill	"	" 32,	" "	37 00
"	12.	"	El Dorado	"	" 26,	" "	88 00
"	12.	"	Chico	"	U. D.	on account,	22 00
"	13.	"	Ione	"	No. 80,	in full,	33 00
"	13.	"	Butte	"	" 36,	" "	50 00
"	13.	"	Mountain	"	" 82,	" "	119 50
"	13.	"	Marysville	"	" 9,	" "	74 00
"	13.	"	Martinez	"	" 41,	" "	58 00
"	13.	"	Georgetown	"	" 25,	" "	103 00
"	13.	"	Temple	"	" 14,	" "	58 00
"	13.	"	Illinoistown	"	" 51,	" "	44 00
"	13.	"	Folsom	"	U. D.	" "	23 00
"	14.	"	Acacia	"	No. 92,	" "	56 00
"	14.	"	Clay	"	" 101,	" "	28 00
"	14.	"	Caymus	"	" 93,	" "	21 00
"	14.	"	Windsor	"	U. D.	" "	18 00
"	15.	"	Enterprise	"	No. 70,	" "	47 00
"	15.	"	Santa Cruz	"	" 38,	balance in full,	11 00
"	15.	"	Amador	"	" 65,	in full,	49 00
"	15.	"	Summit	"	U. D.	" "	32 00
"	15.	"	Corinthian	"	No. 69,	on account,	49 00

\$6388 00

For Charters ordered at this Communication.

March 16.	From Arcata Lodge, U. D.,	Grand Lodge Fee,.....	\$50 00
Apr. 1 20.	" Owen " " "	" " "	50 00
" 29.	" St. Mark's, " " "	" " "	50 00
May 6.	" Mt. Jefferson " " "	" " "	50 00
" 12.	" Eden, " " "	" " "	50 00
" 12.	" Mt. Zion, " " "	" " "	50 00
" 12.	" Chico, " " "	" " "	50 00
" 13.	" *Folsom, " " "	" " "	50 00
" 13.	" Pajaro, " " "	" " "	50 00
" 13.	" Windsor, " " "	" " "	50 00
" 13.	" Summit, " " "	" " "	50 00
			\$550 00

RECAPITULATION.

To May 16,	Cash received for	Dispensations,.....	\$225 00
" " 16,	" " " Dues,.....	6,388 00	
" " 16,	" " " Charters,.....	550 00	

Total amount received,..... \$7,163 00

Which sum has been paid over to the Grand Treasurer, as will be seen from his receipts herewith presented.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALEX. G. ABELL, *Grand Secretary.*

The report was received, and with the Secretary's books, was referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

On motion of Bro. J. A. JACKSON, it was ordered that the installation of the Grand Officers shall take place at 7 o'clock this evening.

Bro. N. G. CURTIS offered the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the 49th Standing Resolution be amended by striking out all after the word "ask," in the second line thereof, and inserting the following:—"and which no Lodge should refuse unless good and sufficient objection to such admission is made by a regular member; in which case the Master, in his discretion, may admit or reject the visitor."

Bro. T. M. REED moved to amend the resolution so that it should declare that the right to visit is absolute; which motion did not prevail, and the resolution, as presented, was then adopted.

Bro. J. F. MORSE offered the following resolutions:—

"Resolved, That the Representatives of the subordinate Lodges be requested, upon their return to their respective homes, to suggest to their brethren the propriety of raising a fund by private subscription for the purpose of procuring a suitable testimonial for presentation to our esteemed Past Grand Master, WILLIAM H. HOWARD, as a mark of their appreciation of his services as Grand Master during the past three years.

Resolved, That it is recommended that the funds thus subscribed be transmitted to the *R. W.* Grand Secretary, and that the elective Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge shall constitute a committee for the preparation and presentation of the testimonial thus to be procured."

Which resolutions were adopted.

Bro. J. S. BLACKWELL offered the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the subordinate Lodges be required to instruct one of their representatives hereafter to remain in attendance upon the Grand Lodge until the close of its Communications.

Which resolution was adopted.

Bro. H. L. DAVIS offered the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be and are hereby tendered to Bro. RICHARD DALE for his kindness in providing an organ for its use during the present communication.

Which resolution was adopted, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to send a copy thereof to Bro. DALE.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

In Grand Lodge.

AFTERNOON SESSION, }
Monday, May 18th, A. L. 5857. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 2 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Master presiding.

Bro. T. P. HAWLEY, from the Committee on Finance and Accounts, presented the following report:—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—

Your committee, to whom was referred the supplemental report of the *R. W.* Grand Secretary, submit the following:—

The receipts by the Grand Secretary from March fifth to May fifteenth, 1857, inclusive, from all sources, have been \$7163, which amount has been duly paid to the Grand Treasurer, as appears by his receipts.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. P. HAWLEY,
JOS. TYSON,
J. L. BLACKWELL,
A. D. PARK, } Committee.

Which report was received and concurred in.

Bro. L. C. OWEN, from the Committee on Returns of Lodges, presented the following report:—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—

The Committee on Returns of Lodges respectfully report that they have examined and corrected the returns of the following named Lodges, and find their dues to be as below set forth:—

<i>California</i>	- - -	No. 1,.....	\$232 00	Amount brought forward..	\$4342 00
<i>Western Star,</i>	"	2,.....	169 00	<i>Geo. Washington, No.</i>	62,..... 42 00
<i>Tehama,</i>	"	3,.....	113 00	<i>Iowa Hill,</i>	" 63,..... 53 00
<i>Benicia,</i>	"	5,.....	54 00	<i>Natoma,</i>	" 64,..... 56 00
<i>San Francisco,</i>	"	7,.....	95 00	<i>Amador,</i>	" 65,..... 49 00
<i>Tuolumne,</i>	"	8,.....	93 00	<i>Forest,</i>	" 66,..... 122 00
<i>Marysville,</i>	"	9,.....	74 00	<i>Minnesota,</i>	" 67,..... 68 00
<i>San Jose,</i>	"	10,.....	78 00	<i>Morning Star,</i>	" 68,..... 57 00
<i>Yount,</i>	"	12,.....	75 00	<i>Corinthian,</i>	" 69,..... 50 00
<i>Nevada,</i>	"	13,.....	103 00	<i>Enterprise,</i>	" 70,..... 47 00
<i>Temple,</i>	"	14,.....	56 00	<i>Nebraska,</i>	" 71,..... 51 00
<i>Eureka,</i>	"	16,.....	21 00	<i>E. K. Kane,</i>	" 72,..... 49 00
<i>Parfaite Union,</i>	"	17,.....	41 00	<i>Tyro,</i>	" 73,..... 32 00
<i>Mountain Shade,</i>	"	18,.....	113 00	<i>Wisconsin Hill,</i>	" 74,..... 52 00
<i>San Joaquin,</i>	"	19,.....	50 00	<i>Mountain Forest,</i>	" 75,..... 77 00
<i>Washington,</i>	"	20,.....	127 00	<i>Beir Mountain,</i>	" 76,..... 35 00
<i>Hawaiian,</i>	"	21,.....	64 00	<i>Petaluma,</i>	" 77,..... 65 00
<i>Occidental,</i>	"	22,.....	70 00	<i>Calaveras,</i>	" 78,..... 53 00
<i>Madison,</i>	"	23,.....	115 00	<i>Humboldt,</i>	" 79,..... 45 00
<i>Mariposa,</i>	"	24,.....	80 00	<i>Ione,</i>	" 80,..... 33 00
<i>Georgetown,</i>	"	25,.....	103 00	<i>Yolo,</i>	" 81,..... 26 00
<i>El Dorado,</i>	"	26,.....	88 00	<i>Mountain,</i>	" 82,..... 38 00
<i>Trinity,</i>	"	27,.....	109 00	<i>Rising Star,</i>	" 83,..... 56 00
<i>Columbia,</i>	"	28,.....	123 00	<i>Vesper,</i>	" 84,..... 40 00
<i>Diamond,</i>	"	29,.....	53 00	<i>Indian Diggings,</i>	" 85,..... 51 00
<i>Golden Gate,</i>	"	30,.....	176 00	<i>St. Louis,</i>	" 86,..... 74 00
<i>Mokelumne,</i>	"	31,.....	58 00	<i>Naval,</i>	" 87,..... 27 00
<i>Gold Hill,</i>	"	32,.....	37 00	<i>Quitman,</i>	" 88,..... 107 00
<i>Ophir,</i>	"	33,.....	53 00	<i>Rose's Bar,</i>	" 89,..... 51 00
<i>Santa Clara,</i>	"	34,.....	45 00	<i>Polar Star,</i>	" 90,..... 34 00
<i>San Diego,</i>	"	35,.....	35 00	<i>Acacia,</i>	" 92,..... 56 00
<i>Butte,</i>	"	36,.....	50 00	<i>Caymus,</i>	" 93,..... 21 00
<i>St. John's,</i>	"	37,.....	73 00	<i>Mount Hermon,</i>	" 94,..... 56 00
<i>Santa Cruz,</i>	"	38,.....	53 00	<i>Henry Clay,</i>	" 95,..... 34 00
<i>Yuba,</i>	"	39,.....	59 00	<i>Howard,</i>	" 96,..... 63 00
<i>Sacramento,</i>	"	40,.....	45 00	<i>Jefferson,</i>	" 97,..... 82 00
<i>Martinez,</i>	"	41,.....	58 00	<i>Quartzburg,</i>	" 98,..... 41 00
<i>Los Angeles,</i>	"	42,.....	82 00	<i>La Grange,</i>	" 99,..... 84 00
<i>Hiram,</i>	"	43,.....	67 00	<i>Campo Seco,</i>	" 100,..... 32 00
<i>Mount Moriah,</i>	"	44,.....	190 00	<i>Clay,</i>	" 101,..... 28 00
<i>Crescent,</i>	"	45,.....	43 00	<i>Manzanita,</i>	" 102,..... 67 00
<i>Texas,</i>	"	46,.....	54 00	<i>Oroville,</i>	" 103,..... 95 00
<i>Michigan City,</i>	"	47,.....	82 00	<i>Lexington,</i>	" 104,..... 31 00
<i>Lebanon,</i>	"	49,.....	108 00	<i>Siskiyou,</i>	" 105,..... 35 00
<i>Forbestown,</i>	"	50,.....	44 00	<i>Arcata,</i>	U. D. 85 00
<i>Illinoistown,</i>	"	51,.....	43 00	<i>Mount Jefferson,</i>	" 40 00
<i>Rough and Ready,</i>	"	52,.....	53 00	<i>Owen,</i>	" 121 00
<i>St. James,</i>	"	54,.....	45 00	<i>Dibble,</i>	" 60 00
<i>Suisun,</i>	"	55,.....	64 00	<i>Pajaro,</i>	" 26 00
<i>Volcano,</i>	"	56,.....	77 00	<i>Chico,</i>	" 35 00
<i>Santa Rosa,</i>	"	57,.....	86 00	<i>Summit,</i>	" 32 00
<i>Union,</i>	"	58,.....	53 00	<i>Eden,</i>	" 38 00
<i>Gravel Range,</i>	"	59,.....	68 00	<i>Mount Zion,</i>	" 37 00
<i>Plumas,</i>	"	60,.....	73 00	<i>St. Mark's,</i>	" 16 00
<i>Live Oak,</i>	"	61,.....	27 00	<i>Folsom,</i>	" 23 00
				<i>Windsor,</i>	" 18 00

Amount carried forward.. \$4342 00

Making the total amount of dues,..... \$7100 00

No returns have been received from *North Star* Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. C. OWEN,	} Committee.
J. B. HEWSON,	
A. MCNEILL,	
A. HANNA,	
J. B. BUKER,	

Which report was received and concurred in.

Bro. T. A. THOMAS, from the Committee on Education, presented the following report:—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—

The Committee on Education, to whom was referred the petition of *Suisun* Lodge, No. 55, for assistance in the education of the children of the widow of our late Bro. RUOFF, of *Quincy* Lodge, No. 1, Illinois, respectfully report that it is not in the province of the Grand Lodge to make such appropriations as asked for in the petition; but believing the request for assistance should be responded to by the fraternity at large, they are induced to offer the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Masters of the several subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction be and are hereby requested to present the case of Bro. RUOFF's children to their respective Lodges, with the request that they forward to *Suisun* Lodge the sum of five dollars each for the education of said children, provided they consider the call reasonable.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. A. THOMAS, *Chairman*.

Which report was received and concurred in.

Bro. J. W. CLAIBORNE, from the Committee on Grievances, presented the following report:—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—

Your committee, to whom was referred the memorial from *Iowa Hill* Lodge, No. 63, stating that *Illinoistown* Lodge, No. 51, had initiated, passed and raised certain individuals within the first mentioned jurisdiction, and asking for reparation, beg leave to report the following resolution:—

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that a Lodge makes a just demand in claiming the fees accruing upon the initiation, passing, and raising by another Lodge of individuals whose residence relatively to the Lodge complaining, is within a point midway between the two.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. W. CLAIBORNE,	} Committee.
O. C. WHEELER,	
E. S. RUGGLES,	

Which report was received and concurred in.

Bro. R. F. KNOTT, from the special committee to whom was referred certain action of *Iowa Hill* Lodge, presented the following report:—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—

Your committee, to whom was referred the action of *Iowa Hill* Lodge, No. 63, relative to the trial of Bro. J. T. HILL— which trial was ordered by the Grand Lodge, at its last annual Communication, beg leave to report: That they have examined the records of *Iowa Hill* Lodge, No. 63, and find that the trial was conducted in accordance with the Regulations of this Grand Lodge. They therefore recommend the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the proceedings of *Iowa Hill* Lodge, No. 63, in the case of Bro. J. T. HILL, be approved.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. F. KNOTT,
THOS. P. HAWLEY, } *Committee.*

Which report was received and concurred in, the resolution accompanying it was adopted, and the committee was discharged.

Bro. N. G. CURTIS, from the Committee on the Land Donation by Bro. WINN, presented a verbal report, and, on his motion, the committee was continued.

The standing committees, having disposed of all the business referred to them, were severally discharged, and the Grand Lodge was then called off untill 7 o'clock, this evening.

In Grand Lodge,.

EVENING SESSION, }
Monday, May 18th, A. L. 5857. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 7 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Master presiding.

The Grand Master elect announced the following appointments for the ensuing Masonic year, viz:—

As Grand Chaplain,.....	Bro. O. C. WHEELER,..	of <i>Tehama</i>	-	Lodge, No. 3;
" Grand Orator,.....	" J. W. CLAIBORNE, ..	" <i>St. James</i>	"	" 54;
" Asst. Grand Secretary, "	" L. C. OWEN.....	" <i>Golden Gate</i>	"	" 30;
" Grand Marshal,.....	" T. M. REED.....	" <i>Acacia</i>	"	" 92;
" Grand Standard Bearer, "	" E. BOGARDUS,...	" <i>Indian Diggings</i>	"	" 85;
" Grand Sword Bearer,..	" JOS. TYSON,....	" <i>St. John's</i>	"	" 37;
" Grand Bible Bearer,...	" G. C. YOUNT,....	" <i>Caymus</i>	"	" 93;
" Senior Grand Deacon,..	" JOS. DE BELL,...	" <i>Yuba</i>	"	" 39;
" Junior Grand Deacon, }	" B. NEWMAN,.....	" <i>Petaluma</i>	"	" 77;
" Grand Stewards,.... }	" E. LANE,.....	" <i>Jefferson</i>	"	" 97;
"	" J. S. BLACKWELL, ..	" <i>Minnesota</i>	"	" 67;
" Grand Organist,.....	" H. L. DAVIS.....	" <i>Mt. Moriah</i>	"	" 44;
" Grand Pursuivant,....	" F. C. ANDREW,..	" <i>San Joaquin</i>	"	" 19;
" Grand Tyler,.....	" O. D. CHAFEE,...	" <i>Tehama</i>	"	" 3.

The hour appointed for the installation of the Grand Officers having arrived, that ceremony was performed by the M. W. Grand Master, WILLIAM H. HOWARD.

The M. W. N. GREENE CURTIS, Grand Master, announced the following Committee —

<i>On Foreign Correspondence:.....</i>	{ Bro. Alex. G. Abell,
	“ Geo. J. Hobe,
	“ R. F. Knott,
	“ E. S. Ruggles,
	“ Jos. Isaacs.

He also announced that Charters had been issued to the following Lodges during this Communication, viz. : — to

<i>Arcata</i> — —	Lodge, No. 106,.....	at Union,.....	Humboldt County.
<i>Mount Jefferson</i>	“ “ 107,.....	“ Garrote,.....	Tuolumne “
<i>Owen</i>	“ “ 108,.....	“ Johnson’s Bar,....	Siskiyou “
<i>Dibble</i>	“ “ 109,.....	“ Alpha, ...	Nevada “
<i>Pajaro</i>	“ “ 110,.....	“ Watsonville,.....	Santa Cruz “
<i>Chico</i>	“ “ 111,.....	“ Chico, ...	Butte “
<i>Summit</i>	“ “ 112,.....	“ Knight’s Ferry,...	San Joaquin “
<i>Eden</i>	“ “ 113,.....	“ San Leandro,.....	Alameda “
<i>Mount Zion</i>	“ “ 114,.....	“ Grizzly Flat,.....	El Dorado “
<i>St. Mark’s</i>	“ “ 115,.....	“ Fiddletown,.....	Amador “
<i>Windsor</i>	“ “ 116,.....	“ Windsor,.....	Sierra “
<i>Concord</i>	“ “ 117,.....	“ Sacramento,.....	Sacramento “

The business being all completed, after prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the M. W. Grand Lodge of California was closed in **Ample Form.**

N. GREENE CURTIS, *Grand Master.*

ALEX. G. ABELL, *Grand Secretary.*

STATEMENT

Of receipts by the Grand Secretary from the 17th day of May, to the 10th day of June, A. L. 5857, inclusive.

May 18.	From Polar Star Lodge, No. 90, on acc’t of dues to 4th March, ’57,	\$32 00
“ “ “	<i>Dibble</i> “ U. D., ch’r fee and dues to 1st May, ’57,	110 00
“ “ “	“ <i>Sacramento</i> “ No. 40, dues in full to 4th March, 1857.,	45 00
“ “ “	“ <i>North Star</i> “ “ 91, dues on acc’t to 4th March, 1857,	57 00
June 2.	“ <i>La Grange</i> “ “ 99, on acc’t of dues to 4th March, ’57,	80 00
“ 5.	“ <i>Minnesota</i> “ “ 67, bal. of dues to 4th March, 1857.,	11 00
“ 10.	“ <i>Indian Diggings</i> “ “ 85, on acc’t of dues to 4th March, ’57,	44 00
“ “ “	“ <i>Washington</i> “ “ 20, on acc’t of dues to 4th March, ’57,	117 00
“ “ “	“ <i>Concord</i> “ “ 117, for charter fee,.....	125 00

\$621 00

STATEMENT

Of balances to the debit and credit of Lodges on the 10th day of June, A. L. 5857, as per Books of the Grand Secretary.

				DR.	CR.
Tehama	- -	Lodge, No.	3,.....	\$113 00	—
Benicia		" "	5,.....	—	3 00
Nevada		" "	13,.....	—	1 00
Temple		" "	14,.....	—	2 00
Eureka		" "	16,.....	4 00	—
Parfaite Union		" "	17,.....	91 50	—
Mountain Shade		" "	18,.....	11 00	—
San Joaquin		" "	19,.....	2 00	—
Washington		" "	20,.....	137 50	—
Mariposa		" "	24,.....	—	2 00
Trinity		" "	27,.....	—	2 00
Columbia		" "	28,.....	9 00	—
Ophir		" "	33,.....	6 00	—
Santa Clara		" "	34,.....	5 00	—
San Diego		" "	35,.....	2 00	—
Butte		" "	36,.....	—	1 50
St. John's		" "	37,.....	3 00	—
Los Angeles		" "	42,.....	5 00	—
Hiram		" "	43,.....	10 00	—
Texas		" "	46,.....	20 00	—
Michigan City		" "	47,.....	7 00	—
Illinoistown		" "	51,.....	—	3 00
Volcano		" "	56,.....	77 00	—
Santa Rosa		" "	57,.....	65 00	—
Union		" "	58,.....	8 00	—
Gravel Range		" "	59,.....	4 00	—
Live Oak		" "	61,.....	27 00	—
Morning Star		" "	68,.....	—	1 00
Corinthian		" "	69,.....	1 00	—
Nebraska		" "	71,.....	55 50	—
Tyro		" "	73,.....	—	1 00
Wisconsin Hill		" "	74,.....	—	6 25
Bear Mountain		" "	76,.....	—	1 00
Humboldt		" "	79,.....	5 00	—
Yolo		" "	81,.....	26 00	—
Indian Diggings		" "	85,.....	7 00	—
Naval		" "	87,.....	26 50	—
Polar Star		" "	90,.....	2 00	—
*North Star		" "	91,.....	—	2 00
Mount Hermon		" "	94,.....	3 00	—
Henry Clay		" "	95,.....	—	12 00
Jefferson		" "	97,.....	—	3 00
La Grange		" "	99,.....	81 00	—
Manzanita		" "	102,.....	3 00	—
Oroville		" "	103,.....	2 00	—
Chico		" "	111,.....	13 00	—

* The returns of North Star Lodge, before reported as not received, have since arrived.

AMENDMENTS

ADOPTED AT THE COMMUNICATION IN MAY, A. L. 5857.

OF THE CONSTITUTION.

The 14th Section of Article X. was stricken out, and the following was adopted in its stead :—

SECTION 14. — On the rejection of an applicant for initiation or any of the degrees, by any Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, the Secretary of said Lodge shall forthwith notify the Grand Secretary thereof, under the seal of the Lodge, whose duty it shall be once in every two months to forward to each of the subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction, a notice of all such rejected applicants; and no Lodge shall be allowed to receive a petition from such rejected applicant within a less period than one year from the date of such rejection.

OF THE REGULATIONS FOR TRIALS.

The fourth and sixth rules of Section 1, were amended so as to read as follows :—

RULE 4. The question, "Is the accused guilty or not guilty?" shall be distinctly put to each member of the Lodge, and the vote thereon shall be by ballot.

RULE 6. A sentence of expulsion shall not take effect until confirmed by this Grand Lodge: but shall operate as a suspension of the delinquent in the meantime. In all cases a vote of two-thirds shall be necessary to find a verdict of guilty, and a like vote shall be required to suspend or expel; but a majority shall be sufficient to reprimand or censure.

OF THE STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

The 49th and 50th Standing Resolutions were so amended as to read as follows :—

49. *Resolved*, That the right (so called) to visit Masonically, is not an *absolute right*, but is a favor which every lawful Mason in good standing is entitled to ask, and which no Lodge should refuse unless good and sufficient objection to such admission is made by a regular member; in which case the Master, in his discretion, may admit or exclude the visitor.

50. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge having recognized the principle that no one shall be initiated into the mysteries of our Order, except in the Lodge nearest his place of residence (unless by the proper permission); and having, by an established regulation, taken care to avoid infringing the jurisdictional rights of others, will not tolerate that its own be invaded; and it is therefore ordered that no Lodge subordinate to the Grand Lodge of California, shall admit to membership any person who, being at the time a resident of this State, has received or claims to have received the degrees of Masonry from any source beyond the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, without proper permission from the Lodge nearest his place of residence, until he shall have paid into the hands of the Secretary of the Lodge to which he applies for membership, the full amount charged by that Lodge for conferring the degrees, less the sum paid by him to the Lodge in which he received them.

The following additional resolution was adopted :—

71. *Resolved*, That the subordinate Lodges be required to instruct one of their representatives hereafter to remain in attendance upon the Grand Lodge until the close of its Communications.

PROPOSED NEW CONSTITUTION
 OF THE
M.: W.: GRAND LODGE
 OF THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA;

SUBMITTED AT THE COMMUNICATION IN MAY, A. L. 5857,

And ordered to be Printed for the information of the Lodges.

PART I.

Of the Organization of the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE I.

OF ITS TITLE AND SEAL.

SECTION 1. This Grand Lodge shall be entitled "The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California."

SEC. 2. It shall have a Seal, bearing such devices and inscriptions as have heretofore been, or may hereafter be determined; which shall be affixed to all Charters, Dispensations, Diplomas, Certificates, or other documents issued by or under its authority.

ARTICLE II.

OF ITS MEMBERS AND THEIR QUALIFICATIONS.

SECTION 1. This Grand Lodge shall be composed of a Grand Master, (whose address shall be Most Worshipful,) a Deputy Grand Master, a Senior Grand Warden, and a Junior Grand Warden, (whose addresses shall severally be Right Worshipful,) a Grand Treasurer, and a Grand Secretary, (whose addresses shall severally be Very Worshipful,) a Grand Chaplain, (whose address shall be Most Reverend,) a Grand Orator, a Grand Marshal, a Grand Standard Bearer, a Grand Sword Bearer, a Grand Bible Bearer, a Senior Grand Deacon, a Junior Grand Deacon, two Grand Stewards, a Grand Organist, a Grand Pursuivant, and a Grand Tyler, (whose addresses shall severally be Worshipful,) and such other officers as it may hereafter designate; together with all the Past Grand Officers and Past Masters of this jurisdiction, and the Masters and Wardens, for the time, of the several chartered and duly constituted Lodges, or the representatives thereof, duly elected as directed in Art. II. Part VII.

SEC. 2. Every officer or member of the Grand Lodge must be a member of some Lodge within its jurisdiction; and with the cessation of such membership shall cease his office and membership in the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 3. No member of the Grand Lodge shall be represented therein by proxy.

ARTICLE III.

OF ITS POWERS AND AUTHORITY.

SECTION 1. The Grand Lodge is the Supreme Masonic Power and Authority in this State, possessing all the attributes of sovereignty and government. — legislative, executive, and judicial, — limited only by a strict adherence to the Ancient Landmarks of the Order, and to the provisions of its own Constitution and Regulations.

SEC. 2. Its Legislative powers extend to every case of legislation, not expressly delegated by itself to the Lodges; and the Constitutions and Regulations, which it has an inalienable right to adopt and promulgate at its own convenience, and to alter, amend, or repeal at its own pleasure, under the limitations therein imposed, are final and binding upon all Lodges and Masons within its jurisdiction, until so altered or repealed by its own act.

SEC. 3. Its Executive powers include the granting of Dispensations and Charters to all Lodges within this State, and to Lodges in other territory where no Grand Lodge exists; the revocation or suspension thereof; the issuing of special dispensations for all purposes permitted by any of the provisions of this Constitution; and the exercise, generally, of all such authority as may be necessary to carry its own legislation into complete effect.

SEC. 4. Its Judicial powers are of two kinds: 1st — Original — Including the decision of all controversies between any of the Lodges, or between one of them and a member or members of another, or between members of different Lodges; and the enforcement of discipline upon its own members and upon the Lodges under its jurisdiction; and 2d — Appellate — Embracing the revision of all matters of controversy or discipline, proper for Masonic investigation, which may have arisen in any of the Lodges, and over which it has not retained original jurisdiction.

ARTICLE IV.

OF ITS COMMUNICATIONS.

SECTION 1. The Grand Lodge shall hold its Annual Communications for the transaction of its regular business, at the City of Sacramento, commencing on the second Tuesday of August, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

SEC. 2. Special Communications may be ordered by the Grand Master whenever, in his opinion, the welfare of the Fraternity shall require it.

SEC. 3. Special Communications shall be ordered by the Grand Master, upon an application therefor in writing, setting forth the causes which demand it, and signed by the Masters of at least five chartered Lodges.

SEC. 4. Every order for a Special Communication shall designate the object thereof, so far as is proper to be written, and shall be issued at least thirty days before the day named for meeting; and no business shall be transacted thereat, other than that for which the Grand Lodge was especially convened.

SEC. 5. The officers or representatives of at least fifteen chartered Lodges shall be present in order to transact any business in the Grand Lodge, either at an Annual or Special Communication; but upon occasions of ceremony only, the Grand Master or his duly authorized representative, with a sufficient number of brethren to fill the stations and places, may at any time open the Grand Lodge, and perform the ceremonies for which it was convened.

ARTICLE V.

OF ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

SECTION 1. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, shall be elected by ballot at each Annual Communication, upon the fifth day thereof; shall be installed before its close; and shall hold their respective offices until the next Annual Communication, and until their successors shall have been elected and installed. A majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary for an election.

SEC. 2. All other Grand Officers shall be appointed by the Grand Master elect, after his installation, at each Annual Communication; shall be properly

invested before the close thereof ; and shall hold their respective offices during his will and pleasure.

SEC. 3. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in any office of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master shall have power to fill the same by appointment ; which appointment shall be valid until the succeeding annual election and installation ; and the officer so appointed shall be charged with all the duties and responsibilities of one regularly elected.

ARTICLE VI.

OF VOTING AND REPRESENTATION.

SECTION 1. All questions in the Grand Lodge (except an election of officers) shall be decided by a show of hands ; unless, before the announcement of the result thereof, three members shall demand the yeas and nays, in which case the vote shall thus be taken.

SEC. 2. Each Grand Officer present, whether elected or appointed, (except the Grand Tyler,) shall be entitled to one vote ; and each elective Past Grand Officer present shall be entitled to one vote.

SEC. 3. Each Lodge represented shall be entitled to three votes for any number of members less than fifty, and to one additional vote for every twenty-five additional members ; and the number of votes to which each Lodge may thus be entitled, shall be determined at every Communication, by its last Annual Return.

SEC. 4. The Past Masters of each Lodge, collectively, shall be entitled to one vote.

SEC. 5. No Grand Officer, Past Grand Officer, or Past Master, voting or participating in a vote in either of those capacities, shall vote or participate in a vote in any other of them ; but either of such members may, as Master, Warden, or representative of a Lodge, cast also the vote or votes to which such position shall entitle him.

SEC. 6. When a Lodge shall be fully represented by its Master and Wardens, and shall be entitled only to three votes, each of those officers may cast one vote.

SEC. 7. When a Lodge shall be fully represented by its Master and Wardens, and shall be entitled to more than three votes, the additional vote or votes may be cast by those officers in the order of their rank ; as thus — if the Lodge have four votes, the Master may cast two ; if it have five, the Senior Warden may also cast two ; if six, the Junior Warden may also cast two ; and thus again for any number of votes to which the Lodge may be entitled.

SEC. 8. When a Lodge shall be represented by only two of its proper officers, if the number of votes to which it is entitled be even, each officer may cast an equal number ; if odd, the officer highest in rank may cast the odd vote.

SEC. 9. When a Lodge shall be represented by only one of its proper officers, or by a representative, such officer or representative may cast all the votes to which it is entitled.

SEC. 10. In all cases of a tie vote, except votes by ballot, the Grand Master, in addition to his proper vote, may have the casting vote.

ARTICLE VII.

OF COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES.

SECTION 1. The following regular committees, to consist of five members each, shall be appointed by the Grand Master at each Annual Communication, viz. : A Committee on Credentials, on Returns, on Grievances, on Finance, on By-Laws, on Charters, on Jurisprudence, and on Correspondence.

SEC. 2. Special committees may also be appointed by the Grand Master, whenever it may be deemed necessary by the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 3. No business of any kind shall be finally acted upon, until after reference to, and report upon by a committee, unless by unanimous consent ; and no appropriation of money shall be made until after reference to, and report upon, by the Committee on Finance.

ARTICLE VIII.

OF ITS REVENUES.

SECTION 1. The revenue of the Grand Lodge shall be derived from the following sources : 1st — From fees charged for Dispensations, Charters, Diplomas,

and other documents issued under its authority ; 2d — From contributions levied upon the Lodges, which shall always be equal and uniform, in proportion to their membership, admissions and degrees conferred ; and, 3d — From the funds, dues, and proceeds of all property of dissolved Lodges within its jurisdiction.

SEC. 2. The following shall be the fees charged as above, exclusive of those provided in Sec. 3, Art. IV., Part II., to be paid to the Grand Secretary : 1st — For a Dispensation to open a new Lodge, the sum of seventy-five dollars ; 2d — For a Charter to perpetuate a Lodge, the sum of fifty dollars ; 3d — For a Dispensation to hold an election of an officer or officers at a time other than that named in Sec. 1, Art. I., Part IV., the sum of ten dollars ; 4th — For a Dispensation to ballot for a candidate for the degrees without the reference to a committee provided in Sec. 2, Art. III., Part III., the sum of ten dollars ; and 5th — For a Diploma of any kind, the sum of two dollars, except when issued for the widow or children of a deceased Mason, in which case there shall be no charge : but no Diploma shall issue except upon the presentation to the Grand Secretary of a certificate from the Secretary of a Lodge, in the form prescribed in Art. III., Part VII.

SEC. 3. In no case shall either of the foregoing documents be issued until the fees therefor shall have been paid to the Grand Secretary.

SEC. 4. The following contributions shall be paid as annual dues, by each of the Lodges, whether chartered or under dispensation, at the time and in the manner provided in Sec. 4, Art. II., Part III. ; 1st — For each degree it shall have conferred during the year, the sum of two dollars ; 2d — For each member it shall have received by affiliation during the year, the sum of one dollar ; 3d — For each Master Mason borne upon its roll at the date of its Annual Return, the sum of one dollar ; and the Grand Lodge may levy, in addition to the above, such special contributions as in its judgment may be required.

SEC. 5. In case of the dissolution of a Lodge, the Grand Secretary, or some brother by him duly authorized, shall at once proceed to receive its funds on hand, collect its outstanding dues, and sell all its jewels, furniture, and property of every kind, in such manner as shall seem to him most judicious ; and he shall place the proceeds thereof, after the payment of necessary expenses, among the funds of the Grand Lodge.

PART II.

Of the Grand Officers, their Powers and Duties.

ARTICLE I.

OF THE GRAND MASTER.

SECTION 1. The Grand Master, during the interval between the Communications of the Grand Lodge, may exercise all its executive powers as defined in Sec. 3, Art. III., Part I., and none others. By virtue of these, authority is given him, 1st — To grant Dispensations for the formation of new Lodges, under the Regulations prescribed in Sec. 2, Art. I., Part III. ; 2d — To grant Dispensations for the holding elections of an officer or officers at times other than the regular periods prescribed in Sec. 1, Art. I., Part IV., under the regulations provided in Sec. 2, Art. I., Part IV. ; 3d — To grant Dispensations to ballot for and confer the degrees upon a candidate, without the reference of his application to a committee as provided in Sec. 3, Art. III., Part III., under the regulations prescribed in Sec. 4, Art. III., Part III. ; 4th — To convene any Lodge, preside therein, inspect its proceedings, and require its conformity to Masonic usage ; 5th — To arrest the Charter or Dispensation of any Lodge, for good reasons shown, and suspend the operations thereof until the next Communication ; 6th — To suspend the Master of any Lodge from the exercise of the powers and duties of his office, for good reasons shown, until the next Communication ; 7th — To require the attendance of, and information from any Grand Officer, respecting matters appertaining to the duties of his office ; and 8th — To appoint Representatives in other recognized Grand Lodges, and to receive and accredit Representatives from them.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Grand Master : 1st — To preside in the Grand Lodge at all its Communications ; 2d — To present at each Annual Communication a written message, therein setting forth all his official acts during the year, exhibiting the general condition of Masonry within the jurisdiction, and recommending such legislation as he may deem necessary or expedient for the welfare of the Order ; 3d — To constitute all chartered Lodges, either in person, or by a duly authorized representative, in accordance with the Ancient Usages and Regulations ; 4th — To exercise a general and careful supervision over the Craft, and see that the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Lodge are strictly maintained, supported and obeyed ; and 5th — To discharge all the executive functions of the Grand Lodge, when that body is not in session :

SEC. 3. From the decisions of the Grand Master in the chair, there shall be no appeal, but he shall be amenable for any abuse of his power as provided in Art. I., Part VI.

ARTICLE II.

OF THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER AND THE GRAND WARDENS.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Deputy Grand Master to assist the Grand Master in the discharge of his duties at the Communications of the Grand Lodge, and in his absence to preside therein ; and in the event of the death of the Grand Master, or of his absence from the State, or of his inability from any cause, to perform the functions of his office, the Deputy Grand Master shall succeed to and be charged with all its powers and duties.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Grand Wardens to assist the Grand Master at the Communications of the Grand Lodge, and in his absence, and that of the Deputy Grand Master, to preside therein in the order of their rank ; and in case of the death, absence from the State, or inability as before, of both their superiors, they shall in the order of their rank, succeed to and be charged with all the powers and duties of the Grand Master.

ARTICLE III.

OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer ; 1st — To receive all moneys belonging to the Grand Lodge from the Grand Secretary ; to give him duplicate receipts therefor ; and to keep, in proper books, a just account thereof ; 2d — To take charge of all other property of the Grand Lodge, except as provided in Sec. 1, Art. IV., of this Part, and keep an accurate account thereof ; 3d — To pay all orders drawn upon such funds and moneys, under such regulations as may be provided by the Grand Lodge ; 4th — To attend the Grand Lodge at all its Communications, and the Grand Master when required, with the books and all necessary papers appertaining to his office ; and also, if required by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master, to attend with such books and papers upon any committee which may be appointed to act in relation to the fiscal concerns of the Grand Lodge ; and 5th — To report at each Annual Communication a detailed account of his receipts and disbursements, with proper vouchers for the latter ; and present a statement of the existing condition of its property and finances.

SEC. 2. He shall execute and file in the office of the Grand Secretary, within fifteen days after his installation, an official bond, in such penal sum and with such sureties as shall be approved by the Grand Master, conditioned that he will faithfully discharge the duties of his office, and, at the end of his term will pay over and transfer to his successor all funds or property of the Grand Lodge which shall have come into his keeping.

SEC. 3. He shall receive such compensation for his services as the Grand Lodge may, from time to time, direct.

ARTICLE IV.

OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary : 1st — To record all transactions of the Grand Lodge which it is proper to have written, and to superintend the publication thereof, immediately after the close of each Communication,

under such instructions as may be given by the Grand Lodge ; 2d — To receive, duly file, and safely keep all papers and documents addressed or belonging to the Grand Lodge ; 3d — To keep the Seal of the Grand Lodge, and affix the same, with his attestation, to all instruments emanating from that body, and to all the written official acts of the Grand Master ; 4th — To collect all moneys due to the Grand Lodge, keep a correct account thereof in proper books, and pay the same over to the Grand Treasurer without delay ; 5th — To report at each Annual Communication a detailed account of all moneys received by him during the year, with a specific statement of the sources whence they were derived ; and to present therewith the receipts of the Grand Treasurer therefor ; 6th — To report at each Annual Communication all Lodges which shall be in arrears to the Grand Lodge, or which shall have neglected or refused to comply with any provision of its Constitution and Regulations ; and to notify such Lodges that such report will be made ; 7th — To conduct the correspondence of the Grand Lodge, and to submit copies thereof, at each Annual Communication, for its inspection and approval ; 8th — To attend the Grand Lodge at all its Communications, and the Grand Master, when required, with the books and all necessary papers appertaining to his office ; 9th — To keep his office, with all the books, papers, and archives of the Grand Lodge, in a fire-proof building ; and to have the same open at least six hours each day (except Sundays) for the transaction of Masonic business ; 10th — To transmit to the several Grand Lodges in correspondence with this Grand Lodge, immediately after the close of each Annual Communication, a certificate of the election of its Grand Officers, having their signatures therein written ; with a request for a similar certificate every year, from each of those bodies ; 11th — To present at each Annual Communication an estimate of the probable expenses of the ensuing year, giving each class of expenditures under its proper head ; and also to present an estimate of the probable income from the known sources of revenue, during the same period ; 12th — To issue notices of any Special Communication ordered by the Grand Master, to each Lodge, Grand Officer, and Past Grand Officer within the jurisdiction ; 13th — To issue notices to each Lodge, of the granting of a Dispensation by the Grand Master for the formation of a new Lodge ; 14th — To transmit to any Lodge, which shall send him a proper certificate of membership and good standing of a deceased Brother, stating that he leaves a wife, child or children, a Grand Lodge diploma for her, his or their benefit, free of charge, when so requested by such Lodge ; 15th — To take charge of the jewels, furniture, clothing and paraphernalia of the Grand Lodge, during its vacations ; 16th — To furnish every Grand Officer, elected or appointed, with a certificate of such election or appointment ; 17th — To act as Grand Librarian and take charge of the Library of the Grand Lodge, under such regulations as it may prescribe ; 18th — To report at each Annual Communication, all unfinished business of the Grand Lodge, and to present all such other matters to its notice as may properly come within its province ; and, 19th — To perform all such other duties, appertaining to his office, as the Grand Lodge may direct.

SEC. 2. He shall execute and file in the office of the Grand Treasurer, within fifteen days after his installation, an official bond, in such penal sum and with such sureties as shall be approved by the Grand Master, conditioned that he will faithfully discharge the duties of his office, as prescribed in this Constitution.

SEC. 3. He shall receive such compensation for his services as the Grand Lodge may direct ; and in addition thereto shall receive the following fees :— 1st — For a Dispensation to open a new Lodge, the sum of fifteen dollars ; 2d — For a Charter to continue a Lodge, the sum of ten dollars ; 3d — For a Dispensation to hold an election of an officer or officers, at another than the regular period, the sum of five dollars ; 4th — For a Dispensation to ballot for a candidate and confer the degrees, without reference to a committee, the sum of five dollars ; 5th — For a Diploma of any kind, (except when issued for the widow or children of a deceased brother,) the sum of three dollars ; 6th — For every certificate (except those herein before named) requiring the Seal of the Grand Lodge, the sum of three dollars.

SEC. 4. He may, with the approval of the Grand Master, appoint an Assistant Grand Secretary, for whose official acts he shall be responsible, and who shall be

considered an appointed officer of the Grand Lodge, and shall receive such compensation for his services as it may direct.

ARTICLE V.

OF THE APPOINTED GRAND OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Grand Chaplain, at each Communication, to perform such services, appertaining to his sacred office, as may be required of him by the Grand Master.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Grand Orator, at each Annual Communication, to deliver an address to the Grand Lodge, upon matters appertaining to the Ancient Craft.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Grand Marshal at each Communication : 1st — To proclaim the Grand Officers at their installation, and to make such other proclamations as by the Grand Master may be directed ; 2d — To introduce the Representatives of other Grand Lodges, and all visiting brethren of distinction ; and, 3d — To conduct all processions of the Grand Lodge, under the direction of the Grand Master, and perform such other duties, proper to his office, as may be required.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Grand Standard Bearer to bear the Grand Banner of the Order in all processions and at all public ceremonies.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Grand Sword Bearer to attend upon the Grand Master, and bear the Sword of the Grand Lodge in all processions and at all public ceremonies, and to perform such other duties as by ancient usage appertain to his office.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the Grand Bible Bearer to bear the Holy Writings in all processions, and at all public ceremonies.

SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of the Grand Deacons to assist the Grand Master and Grand Wardens in such manner as the ancient usages of the Craft prescribe.

SEC. 8. It shall be the duty of the Grand Stewards to superintend the preparations for all festive occasions directed by the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 9. It shall be the duty of the Grand Organist to preside at the organ at the opening and closing of the Grand Lodge, and to conduct its music upon all occasions of ceremony, when required.

SEC. 10. It shall be the duty of the Grand Pursuivant : 1st — To guard the inner door of the Grand Lodge, and communicate with the Grand Tyler without ; 2d — To announce all applicants for admission by their names and proper Masonic titles, and see that all who enter wear the jewels proper to their rank ; and, 3d — To allow none to withdraw who have not obtained permission to do so from the Grand Master.

SEC. 11. It shall be the duty of the Grand Tyler : 1st — To guard the outer door of the Grand Lodge, and communicate with the Grand Pursuivant within ; 2d — To report all applicants for admission, to the Grand Pursuivant, and see that all who enter are duly authorized and properly clothed ; 3d — To make suitable preparations for the accommodation of the Grand Lodge at all its Communications, and see that the Hall is kept in proper condition during their continuance ; 4th — To take charge of and safely keep the jewels, furniture, clothing, and paraphernalia of the Grand Lodge during its Communications ; and 5th — To carry all notices and summonses, and perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master.

SEC. 12. The Grand Tyler shall receive for his services such compensation as the Grand Lodge may direct.

ARTICLE VI.

OF THE COMPENSATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. Each of the elective Grand Officers shall be entitled to receive payment for the amount of his actual traveling expenses in going to and returning from the Grand Lodge, at any Communication which he may attend, and also the sum of three dollars per diem during such attendance ; but in all cases, such claims for expenses and per diem shall be ascertained by the Committee on Finance, and be by it reported on, before allowance by the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 2. No pecuniary compensation for services, except as herein before provided, shall be allowed or voted from the funds of the Grand Lodge to any of its officers or members.

PART III.

Of Subordinate Lodges.

ARTICLE I.

OF THE ORGANIZATION OF A LODGE.

SECTION. 1. A Lodge can only be formed by authority of a Dispensation from the Grand Master, or a Charter from the Grand Lodge; and hereafter no Charter shall be granted to any Lodge, until it shall have worked a time under Dispensation, and shall have exhibited to the Grand Lodge satisfactory evidence of its Masonic capability.

SEC. 2. Upon the proper petition of seven or more Master Masons being presented to the Grand Master, he may grant them a Dispensation to open and hold a Lodge at the place therein to be named, with power to make Masons and receive members by affiliation, and he shall therein appoint the Master and Wardens of the new Lodge. But in no case shall such Dispensation be issued, unless the petition be accompanied by a recommendation from the nearest or most convenient chartered Lodge, (if from a town or city where more than one Lodge exists, then from a majority of such Lodges,) setting forth that the petitioners are all Master Masons in good standing — that the establishment of the new Lodge is of manifest propriety and will conduce to the good of the Order — and that a safe and suitable Lodge room has been provided therefor: nor unless the petition shall also be accompanied by a certificate from a Master whom the Grand Master is satisfied is well skilled in the Craft, declaring that the Master proposed in such petition is fully competent properly to confer the three degrees of Masonry, and to deliver entire the lectures thereunto appertaining. Such Dispensation shall terminate upon the first day of the month in which the next succeeding Annual Communication shall be holden, and shall then be returned to the Grand Secretary, together with the By-Laws, Book of Records, and Returns of the new Lodge.

SEC. 3. Upon the return of the Dispensation of a new Lodge, as above, with an application for a Charter, if an examination of its work and proceedings shall prove satisfactory, the Grand Lodge may order the issue of a Charter to such Lodge, and assign it such name and number on the Registry as shall be deemed proper; and such Lodge shall be duly constituted within thirty days thereafter, or its Charter shall be forfeited. If the examination be not satisfactory, the application may be totally refused, or a continuance of the Dispensation until the next Communication, may be ordered; but no such continuance shall be granted a second time.

SEC. 4. A Lodge shall consist of a Master, a Senior Warden, a Junior Warden, a Treasurer, a Secretary, a Senior Deacon, a Junior Deacon, a Tyler, and such other officers as its By-Laws may provide; together with as many members as it may find convenient, congregating and working under a Charter or Dispensation as aforesaid.

ARTICLE II.

OF THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF A LODGE.

SECTION 1. The powers and privileges of a Lodge are such as are authorized in its Dispensation or Charter, by the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Lodge, and by the General Regulations of Masonry; and they are defined as follows: 1st — Executive — In the direction and performance of its work, as prescribed by the Grand Lodge, under the control of the Master; and in all other matters in aid of the Master, who is the primary executive authority of the Lodge; 2d — Legislative — Including all matters of legislation relative to its internal concerns, which shall not be in violation of the Constitution or Reg-

ulations of the Grand Lodge, the General Regulations of Masonry, or its own particular By-Laws; and, 3d — Judicial — Embracing the exercise of discipline over its own members (except the Master) and all other Masons within its jurisdiction, and the settlement of controversies between them, subject always to an appeal to the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 2. Each Lodge shall have one *stated* meeting only in each month, but may hold such other meetings as it may determine, or the Master shall direct; but no business of any kind, except collections for charity, conferring of degrees, or ceremonial observances, shall be done at any other than a stated meeting, unless by dispensation from the Grand Master, as hereinbefore provided. And all business, except the conferring of the first two degrees, shall be done in a Lodge of Master Masons.

SEC. 3. Each chartered and duly constituted Lodge shall be represented in the Grand Lodge at every Communication, by one or more of its proper officers, or by a representative duly elected as provided in Art. II., Part VII., which officers or representative shall have credentials, respectively, in the forms provided in Art. III., Part VII.

SEC. 4. Each Lodge shall transmit to the Grand Secretary a full and correct return of its transactions for the twelve months next preceding the anniversary of St. John the Baptist, in each year, within fifteen days thereafter, in the form provided in Article III., Part VII.; and shall accompany them with payment of its dues to the Grand Lodge for that period, as prescribed in Sec. 4, Art. VIII., Part I.

SEC. 5. Each Lodge shall transmit to the Grand Secretary a copy of its By-Laws, as soon as adopted; but no such By-Laws shall be deemed valid until approved by the Grand Lodge, though they may be acted under until the next Communication, if approved by the Grand Master.

SEC. 6. Each chartered Lodge shall, within two months from the date of its Charter, have a suitable seal, bearing such devices as may be deemed proper, and having inscribed thereon the name and number of the Lodge, the date of its Charter, and the place of its location; and all documents or papers of every kind whatsoever, emanating from such Lodge, or from its Master, or Secretary, in his official capacity, shall bear the impress of such seal, or be considered null and of no effect.

SEC. 7. Each Lodge shall have all official communications from the Grand Master or Grand Secretary read in open Lodge immediately upon their receipt.

SEC. 8. Each Lodge shall provide the several books prescribed in Sec. 2, Art. V., Part IV., to be kept by its Secretary, which shall be prepared in accordance with the forms provided in Art. III., Part VII.

SEC. 9. Each Lodge shall provide, in such manner as it may deem proper, for the payment of its officers or representatives in attending the Communications of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 10. For the neglect or violation of any duty imposed upon a Lodge in this Constitution, its Charter may be suspended or forfeited; and for any neglect or violation of a duty imposed upon a Secretary, a Lodge shall be held responsible, as if it were its own act.

ARTICLE III.

OF PROHIBITIONS.

SECTION 1. No Lodge shall remove its place of meeting from that named in its Dispensation or Charter, unless notice shall have been given at a stated meeting that a resolution for such removal will be offered at the next succeeding one; nor unless such resolution shall have been adopted by the votes of at least two thirds of the members present at such succeeding meeting; nor shall such removal then take place until the action of the Lodge shall have been approved by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master.

SEC. 2. No Lodge in this State shall receive an application for the degrees of Masonry unless the applicant shall have been a resident within the State during twelve months, and within the jurisdiction of the Lodge during three months, next preceding the date of his application. Nor shall any Lodge receive such application from any person who, within twelve months next preceding, shall

have been rejected by any Lodge. All such applications, as well as those for affiliation, shall be in writing, signed by the applicant, and recommended by at least two members of the Lodge, in the forms prescribed in Art. III., Part VII.

SEC. 3. No Lodge shall ballot upon such application (except by Dispensation from the Grand Master as provided in Sec. 1, Art. I., Part II.) until it shall have been referred to a committee, whose duty it shall be to make strict examination into the moral, mental and physical qualifications of the applicant, and to report thereon at the next stated meeting, unless further time be granted. No application shall be withdrawn after reference to a committee, and it shall require an unanimous ballot to elect.

SEC. 4. No Dispensation shall be issued to a Lodge to ballot for and confer the degrees upon a candidate without reference to a committee as provided in the preceding section, unless the application therefor be made by the Lodge, by a unanimous vote, in the form hereafter provided in Art. III., Part VII. ; and of the special meeting to be holden under such Dispensation, and the purpose thereof, the members of the Lodge shall have due notice.

SEC. 5. No Lodge shall have more than one ballot for the three degrees ; but, though the applicant may be elected to receive them, if at any time before his initiation, objection be made by any member, he shall not receive the degree until such objection shall have been withdrawn ; and if, after his initiation, but before his being passed or raised, objection to his advancement be made by any member, such objection shall be referred to a committee, with power to inquire into the cause thereof, who shall at the next stated meeting (unless further time be given) report thereon ; and upon the reception of such report, if no cause for the objection has been assigned, or if such cause be not, in the opinion of two thirds of the members present, a valid and Masonic one, the Lodge may order the degree to be conferred in the same manner as if no objection had been made.

SEC. 6. No Lodge shall advance an Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft to a higher degree, until, after a strict examination in open Lodge, he shall have given satisfactory evidence that he is entirely proficient and well qualified in that or those which he has already taken ; and no Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft shall be advanced to a higher degree in any Lodge other than that in which he shall have received those, or either of those, degrees, unless by the official consent of such Lodge, if it then be in existence, or be within the United States.

SEC. 7. No Lodge within this State shall confer the three degrees for a less fee than fifty dollars ; nor shall any Lodge without the State and under this jurisdiction, confer them for a less fee than thirty dollars ; and in every case the fee for each, or all, of the degrees, as may be regulated by the Lodge, shall be paid before the conferring thereof.

SEC. 8. No Lodge shall confer degrees upon more than five candidates at any one meeting ; nor shall confer more than one degree upon any one candidate at any one meeting ; nor shall confer either of the degrees upon more than one candidate at a time.

SEC. 9. No Lodge shall expel or suspend a member for the non-payment of his dues ; but in case any member shall have refused or neglected to pay his regular dues during a period of six months, he shall be notified by the Secretary that, unless at the next stated meeting, either his dues be paid, or sickness or inability to pay be shown as the cause of such refusal or neglect, his name will be stricken from the roll of members. If neither of these things be done, his name shall be stricken from the roll, unless, for special reasons shown, the Lodge may otherwise determine ; and no Mason, thus stricken from the roll of any Lodge, shall be received into membership by any other Lodge, until he shall have paid up all arrearages to that of which he was last a member, or, if that has ceased to exist, to the Grand Secretary for account of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 10. No Lodge shall receive lectures from any person who is not duly authorized by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master.

SEC. 11. No Lodge shall receive an application for affiliation unless it be accompanied with a proper demit from the Lodge of which he was last a member.

SEC. 12. No Lodge shall hold Masonic communication with any Lodge, which has been declared clandestine or illegal by the Grand Lodge, or with any person who has received degrees in, or is a member of such a Lodge.

SEC. 13. No Lodge shall admit a visitor without due inquiry or examination, nor if there be in the opinion of the Master, a valid objection made to such admission by a member of the Lodge.

SEC. 14. No Lodge which shall have failed to make its annual returns, as provided in Sec. 4, Art. II., Part III., and in Sec. 1, Art. V., Part IV., shall be entitled to representation at the next Communication.

SEC. 15. No Lodge under Dispensation shall be entitled to representation in the Grand Lodge, though it may send delegates thereto who may be admitted to seats, but shall have no vote.

ARTICLE IV.

OF THE DISSOLUTION OF LODGES.

SECTION 1. A Lodge may be dissolved : 1st— By a voluntary surrender of its Charter, when such surrender shall have been accepted by the Grand Lodge ; and 2nd — By the act of the Grand Lodge declaring its Charter forfeited.

SEC. 2. The Charter of a Lodge may be surrendered if notice shall be given at one stated meeting that a resolution to that effect will be presented at the next succeeding one, and if at such succeeding meeting, such resolution for surrender shall receive the votes of at least two-thirds of the members present ; but no such act of surrender shall be considered of any effect until it shall have been approved and accepted by the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 3. The Charter of a Lodge may be forfeited. 1st — By disobedience to any provision of the Constitution or Regulations of the Grand Lodge ; 2d — By disregard of the lawful authority of the Grand Master ; 3d — By violation or neglect of the ancient and recognized usages of the Craft ; or, 4th — By failure to meet during a period of six successive months. But no Charter shall be forfeited, except after charges shall have been regularly presented in the Grand Lodge, of which the Lodge accused shall have due notice ; though the same may be suspended until the next Annual Communication, either by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master, upon satisfactory reasons therefor being shown.

SEC. 4. The forfeiture of the Charter of a Lodge involves the suspension of all its members from the rights and privileges of Masonry, excepting those who may be by name especially exempted from such effect.

SEC. 5. The surrender or forfeiture of the Charter of a Lodge, when declared by the Grand Lodge, shall be conclusive upon the Lodge and its members ; and all its funds, jewels, furniture, dues, and property of every kind shall be disposed of as provided in Sec. 5, Art. VIII., Part I.

PART IV.

Of the Officers of Subordinate Lodges.

ARTICLE I.

OF ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

SECTION 1. The Master, Wardens, Treasurer, and Secretary of each Lodge shall be elected annually, by ballot, at the stated meeting next preceding the anniversary of St. John the Baptist : and a majority of the votes of the members present shall be necessary to elect. They shall be installed on or before the next stated meeting thereafter, and shall hold their respective offices until their successors shall have been duly elected and installed.

SEC. 2. In case any Lodge shall fail to hold such election at the time above named, upon good cause being shown therefor, the Grand Master may issue a Dispensation to hold such election at another time ; and in case a vacancy shall at any time occur in either of the offices of Master or Warden in any Lodge, upon proper representation thereof the Grand Master may issue a Dispensation for an election to fill such vacancy. But in either of these cases, such Dispensation shall be issued only upon the application of the Lodge, setting forth the reasons therefor, to be approved by two thirds of the members present at a stated meeting, and

to be properly certified by the Secretary ; and of the special election which may thus be ordered, the members shall have due notice.

SEC. 3. Every member in good standing, and whose dues are paid, shall be entitled to a vote at all elections ; and every voter shall be eligible to any office in the Lodge.

SEC. 4. The Deacons, Tyler and such other officers as the By-Laws of each Lodge may designate, shall be appointed in such manner as they may direct ; and the officers so appointed shall be properly invested as soon as practicable after their appointment.

ARTICLE II.

OF THE MASTER.

SECTION 1. The Master shall have power : 1st — To congregate his Lodge whenever he shall deem it proper ; 2d — To issue, or cause to be issued, all summonses and notices which may be required ; 3d — To discharge all the executive functions of the Lodge ; and, 4th — To perform all such other acts, by ancient usage proper to his office, which shall not be in contravention of any provision of the Constitution or Regulations of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 2. It shall be his duty : 1st — To preside at all meetings of his Lodge ; 2d — To confer all degrees in strict accordance with the Ritual which has been, or may hereafter be ordained by the Grand Lodge ; 3d — To give, in full, the lectures appertaining to each degree, at the time it is conferred, in accordance with such Ritual ; 4th — To superintend the official acts of all the officers of his Lodge, and see that their respective duties are properly discharged ; and, 5th — To carefully guard against any infraction, by the members of his Lodge, of its own By-Laws, of the Constitution or Regulations of the Grand Lodge, or of the General Regulations of Masonry.

SEC. 3. From the decisions of the Master there shall be no appeal to the Lodge, but objections to such decisions may be laid before the Grand Master, and by him be dealt with in the manner provided in Art. II., Part VI.

SEC. 4. In all cases of a tie vote (except by ballot,) the Master, in addition to his proper vote, shall have the casting vote.

SEC. 5. For the neglect or violation of any duty imposed by this Constitution, upon the Master of a Lodge, he shall be subject to suspension or deprivation of office, or expulsion, as provided in Art. II., Part VI.

ARTICLE III.

OF THE WARDENS.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Wardens to assist the Master in the performance of his duties, and to discharge all those duties which ancient usage has assigned to their respective stations.

SEC. 2. In the absence of the Master, the Senior Warden (and in his absence, also, the Junior Warden,) shall succeed to and be charged with all the powers and duties of the Master.

ARTICLE IV.

OF THE TREASURER.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer : 1st — To receive and safely keep all moneys or property of every kind which shall be placed in his hands by order of the Lodge ; 2d — To disburse or transfer the same, or any part thereof, upon the order of the Master, duly attested by the Secretary ; 3d — To keep a book or books wherein a correct account of his receipts and disbursements shall be exhibited ; 4th — To present a statement of the finances of the Lodge whenever required ; and, 5th — To perform such other duties appertaining to his office, as the By-Laws may require, or the Lodge may at any time direct.

ARTICLE V.

OF THE SECRETARY.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Secretary : 1st — To record all the proceeding at each meeting, which it is proper should be written, under the direction of the Master ; and to submit such record to the Lodge at its next stated

meeting for approval or correction; 2d — To prepare and transmit a copy of such record, or of any part thereof, to the Grand Lodge, when required; 3d — To collect and receive all moneys due to the Lodge, and pay them over to the Treasurer; 4th — To keep the Seal of the Lodge, and to affix the same with his attestation, to all papers issued under its authority, or in obedience to the requirements of the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Lodge; 5th — To transmit to the Grand Secretary, immediately after each election and installation in the Lodge, a certificate thereof, in the form prescribed in Art. III., Part VII.; 6th — To transmit to the Grand Secretary the Annual Return required in Sec. 4, Art II., Part III., in the form hereinafter provided in Art. III., Part VII.; and 7th — To report to the Grand Secretary and all the Lodges, immediately after their occurrence, all rejections, expulsions, suspensions, names stricken from the roll, and restorations, in the form provided in Art. III., Part VII.

SEC. 2. He shall keep the following books of the Lodge in the forms provided in Art. III., Part VII.: 1st — A Record Book, in which he shall record all the transactions of the Lodge proper to be written, after the same shall have been approved; 2d — A book of By-Laws, for the signatures of the members in the order of their admission; 3d — A Roll Book, in which he shall record, upon pages alphabetically arranged, the names of all belonging to the Lodge; the dates of their initiation, passing, raising or affiliation; the name, number, and location of the Lodges of which those affiliated last were members; the age and occupation of each when received, and the dates of their withdrawal, expulsion, suspension, death, being stricken from the roll, or restoration; 4th — A Black Book, in which he shall record, on pages alphabetically arranged, the names of those rejected, expelled, suspended, stricken from the roll, or restored by any of the Lodges, so far as he shall receive the proper notice thereof; 5th — A Register, to be kept in the Tyler's room, in which all members and visitors shall record their names and residence before entering the Lodge.

SEC. 3. He shall also keep such Account Books as may be necessary to present clearly the account of each member with the Lodge, the receipts of the Secretary, and his payments to the Treasurer; and shall preserve the books of Constitutions and Regulations of the Grand Lodge, which may from time to time be published, together with all the printed proceedings thereof as promulgated by its order.

ARTICLE VI.

OF THE APPOINTED OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The Deacons, Tyler, and other appointed officers, shall perform such duties, consonant with the usages of the Craft, and appertaining to their respective offices, as may be required by the By-Laws, or directed by the Master.

PART V.

Of Individual Masons.

ARTICLE I.

OF MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. Membership in a Lodge may be acquired: 1st — By having regularly received the degree of Master Mason therein; 2d — By having been duly elected for affiliation therewith; and 3d — By having been named in a Dispensation for a new Lodge as one of the petitioners therefor.

SEC. 2. No Mason shall be a member of more than one chartered Lodge at the same time; but a member of a chartered Lodge may be one of the petitioners for a new Lodge, and may hold membership therein during the term of its Dispensation, his membership in the old Lodge being meanwhile suspended.

SEC. 3. Membership in a Lodge can only be terminated: 1st — By the dissolution of the Lodge; 2d — By voluntary withdrawal therefrom; 3d — By being stricken from the roll for non-payment of dues; and 4th — By suspension or expulsion.

SEC. 4. Upon the dissolution of a Lodge by the voluntary surrender of its Charter, or by the termination of its Dispensation, all its members become simply non-affiliated; but when a Lodge shall be suspended, or its Charter forfeited, all its members shall be deemed suspended, except as hereinbefore provided.

SEC. 5. A member of a Lodge in good standing, and whose dues are paid, may withdraw therefrom at any time by giving notice of his intention so to do at a stated meeting; but no recommendatory certificate shall be given him, except by a vote of a majority of the Lodge.

ARTICLE II.

OF DUTIES, PROHIBITIONS AND PENALTIES.

SECTION 1. It is the duty of every Master Mason to be a member of some Lodge; and every one who shall refuse or neglect so to be, or who shall not have regularly contributed to some Lodge an amount equivalent to its regular dues, while able so to do, shall be deemed unworthy of Masonic consideration, and shall not be entitled to, nor be the recipient of, any rights, privileges or charities of any Lodge.

SEC. 2. No member of a Lodge shall be required to divulge his vote upon a ballot for affiliation, or for the degrees of Masonry, nor to assign reasons for such vote, if it be known.

SEC. 3. No Mason shall hold any Masonic intercourse with an expelled or suspended Mason, — with a clandestine or illegal Lodge, or any person who has received degrees therein, or is a member thereof — nor with any Mason not acknowledged as such by this Grand Lodge.

SEC. 4. For non-payment of dues, a member may be stricken from the roll of his Lodge, in the manner hereinbefore provided in Sec. 9, Art. III., Part III.

SEC. 5. For any violation of the Ancient Landmarks of the Order, of the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Lodge, of the By-Laws of his Lodge, or of any portion of the Masonic or Moral law, a member, or any other Mason within the jurisdiction of a Lodge, may be suspended or expelled, in the manner hereinafter provided in Art. IV., Part IV.

PART VI.

Of Trials, Appeals and Penalties.

ARTICLE I.

RELATIVE TO THE GRAND MASTER.

SECTION 1. Charges may be preferred against the Grand Master, for abuse of his power, violation of the Constitution or Regulations of the Grand Lodge, or other unmasonic conduct, by any five Masters of Lodges; which charges shall be in writing, over their signatures, and shall be presented to the last Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge who may be within the State, and who is a member of a Lodge within this jurisdiction.

SEC. 2. Upon the presentation of such charges, it shall be the duty of such Past Grand Master to transmit a copy thereof to the accused, if within the State, at least thirty days, and if without the State, at least ninety days, before the time designated for the trial, together with a notification to attend at such time and place as he may therein name, which shall be one most convenient for the parties; and he shall also summon four or more other Past Grand Masters of this State, who shall be members of Lodges therein, to assemble with him at the time and place designated, and shall notify the accused thereof.

SEC. 3. The tribunal thus assembled shall have power to summon witnesses at the request of either party, to receive such testimony as in their judgment shall be proper, and to determine finally upon the guilt or innocence of the accused; and the opinion of the majority shall be the judgment of the tribunal and shall be final.

SEC. 4. The only penalty inflicted shall be deprivation of office, but when thus deprived, the adjudged may be amenable to his Lodge upon a charge of unmasonic conduct.

SEC. 5. The Grand Secretary shall attend at the trial to keep a record of the proceedings and of the judgment, which shall be filed in his office, and shall be presented at the next Communication of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 6. All necessary traveling expenses of the members of such tribunal shall be paid by the Grand Lodge in the same manner as those of Grand Officers in attending at its Communications.

ARTICLE II.

RELATIVE TO MASTERS OF LODGES.

SECTION 1. Charges may be preferred against the Master of a Lodge, for abuse of his power, violation of the Constitution or Regulations, or for unmasonic conduct of any kind, by any five members of his Lodge in good standing; which charges shall be in writing, over their signatures, and shall be presented to the Grand Lodge, if in session, or to the Grand Master during the vacation.

SEC. 2. Upon the presentation of such charges, the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master, as the case may be, shall at once appoint and summon not less than three nor more than seven disinterested Masters, to assemble as Commissioners to hear and determine thereupon; and shall also summon the accused to appear and answer thereunto, at such time and place most convenient for the parties, as shall be indicated in said summons; giving him, if within the jurisdiction of his Lodge, at least ten days — if without that jurisdiction and within the State, at least thirty days — and if without the State, at least ninety days — to answer thereunto; and transmitting to him also a copy of the charges.

SEC. 3. The Commissioners, or any of them shall have power to summon witnesses at the request of either party. The witnesses, if Masons, shall testify upon their honor as such; if not, their depositions shall be taken in writing, before an officer legally authorized to administer oaths, and in such case the party requiring such depositions shall notify the other of the time and place when and where they will be taken, that he may, if he choose, be present thereat.

SEC. 4. The Commissioners may adjourn from time to time, at their own convenience, or for good cause shown by either party; provided that the period within which their duties shall be concluded, shall not exceed ten days, unless, for sufficient reasons, the Grand Master shall grant them further time.

SEC. 5. The opinion of a majority of the Commissioners shall be deemed the judgment of the whole, and shall be conclusive unless an appeal be taken at the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 6. The penalties which may be inflicted by such Commissioners, may be either deprivation of office, suspension or expulsion, as in their judgment shall be deemed proper.

SEC. 7. The Commissioners shall keep a complete record of their proceedings and of their judgment, and shall transmit the same to the Grand Secretary at the conclusion of the trial; and the judgment shall at once be carried into effect by order of the Grand Master.

SEC. 8. An appeal to the Grand Lodge may be taken at its next Annual Communication, by either party, if notice thereof be given to the Grand Secretary within thirty days after the conclusion of the trial.

ARTICLE III.

RELATIVE TO LODGES. AND MEMBERS OF DIFFERENT LODGES.

SECTION 1. When a controversy shall arise between Lodges, or between a Lodge and a member or members of another Lodge, or between members of different Lodges, charges may be preferred by either party, if in good standing, which charges shall be in writing, and shall be presented to the Grand Lodge or Grand Master, as provided in Sec. 1, Art. II., of this Part.

SEC. 2. Upon the presentation of such charges, not less than three nor more than seven Commissioners shall be appointed and summoned, as provided in Art. II., of this Part, which Commissioners shall be Masters or Wardens, and shall be

selected from at least three different Lodges not interested in the controversy, and most convenient to the parties; and the accused party shall be summoned, with such time to answer as provided in the Section and Article last quoted.

SEC. 3. The Commissioners shall have power to proceed, and shall keep a record of their proceedings and judgment in the same manner as provided in Art. II., of this part; and the penalties which they may inflict may be any known to Masonic usage; or, if the case be one not involving a violation of Masonic duty, the decision may be such special one as the circumstances shall, in their judgment, warrant.

SEC. 4. An appeal may be taken by either party to the Grand Lodge, as provided in Art. II. of this part.

ARTICLE IV.

RELATIVE TO MASONS INDIVIDUALLY.

SECTION 1. When any member of a Lodge, (except the Master or Grand Master,) or any Mason residing within its jurisdiction, shall be accused of unmasonic conduct, charges to that effect may be preferred by any Master Mason in good standing; which charges shall be in writing over his signature, and shall be presented to the Master of the Lodge having jurisdiction thereof.

SEC. 2. Upon the presentation of such charges, it shall be the duty of the Master at once to appoint and summon not less than five nor more than nine members of his Lodge, (two of whom shall be the Wardens, if it be within their power to attend,) to assemble as Commissioners, to hear and determine thereupon, at such time and place, convenient to the parties, as he shall indicate; and he shall also summon the accused to appear and answer thereunto at such time and place, and shall at the same time, cause the Secretary to furnish him with a copy of the charges, and to notify the accuser of the said time and place of trial.

SEC. 3. If the accused be within the jurisdiction of the Lodge, the summons and copy of the charges shall be issued at least ten days prior to the day appointed for the trial, and shall be served personally by the Tyler, or shall be left at his ordinary residence or place of business. If he be without the said jurisdiction, but within the State, they shall be issued at least thirty days before the day of trial, and shall be forwarded to his address by the Secretary, by mail or other usual mode of conveyance, which shall be deemed sufficient service. If he be without the State, they shall be issued at least ninety days before the trial, and shall be forwarded to his address by the Secretary, as before provided, which shall be sufficient service. If his address is shown in the charges to be unknown, the Master shall order the trial to proceed at once upon the testimony, *ex parte*.

SEC. 4. The Commissioners shall assemble at the time and place appointed, and the Secretary, by order of the Master, shall attend them to keep a full and correct record of the proceedings and of the judgment, under their supervision.

SEC. 5. The Master shall summon such witnesses as may be desired by either party, within the jurisdiction of his Lodge, and the accused may select any brother in good standing to assist him in his defence. The witnesses, if Masons, shall testify on their honor as such; if not, their depositions shall be taken in writing before an officer legally authorized to administer oaths, and, in such cases, the party requiring such depositions shall notify the other of the time and place when and where they will be taken, that he may, if he choose, be present thereat.

SEC. 6. The Commissioners may adjourn from time to time, at their own convenience, or for sufficient cause shown by either party; provided that the period within which their duties shall be concluded shall not exceed ten days, unless, for good reasons shown, the Master shall grant them further time.

SEC. 7. The opinion of a majority of the Commissioners shall be taken as the decision of the whole; and when the trial is concluded, the Secretary shall make a fair copy of the record and finding, under their supervision, which shall be signed by the chairman of such commission and attested by the Secretary, and shall be presented to the Master, who, at the next stated meeting of his Lodge, shall, in the presence of its members only, announce the result, and direct the Secretary to record the same as the judgment of the Lodge, and file the record for safe keeping among its archives.

SEC. 8. The penalties which may be inflicted are: reprimand in open Lodge, suspension or expulsion. If the sentence be reprimand, the Master shall summon

the adjudged to appear at the next stated meeting, when it shall be carried into effect, in the presence only of members of the Lodge. If it be suspension or expulsion, it shall at once go into effect, and the Secretary shall immediately notify all the other Lodges thereof; and it shall be final and conclusive, unless an appeal be taken to the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 9. An appeal may be taken to the Grand Lodge, by either party, only at its next succeeding Annual Communication, but not unless a notice of such intended appeal shall be given to the Master within thirty days after his announcement of the result of the trial; and in such case the Master shall cause the Secretary to prepare a transcript of the record of trial, and immediately transmit it to the Grand Secretary, with information of the appeal intended.

ARTICLE V.

OF REVISIONS AND RESTORATIONS.

SECTION 1. All judgments from which an appeal shall be taken as hereinbefore in this Part provided, shall be reviewed in the Grand Lodge, or before a Committee thereof, during its sessions, upon the record sent up, and upon such other proper documents as may be submitted; and its decision shall be final and conclusive.

SEC. 2. All sentences of suspension shall be for an indefinite period, and a Lodge may, at any stated meeting, by the votes of two-thirds of the members present, annul any such sentence of suspension pronounced by itself, and restore the Mason thus suspended to all his Masonic rights: Provided, that notice of a resolution for such restoration shall have been given at the stated meeting next preceeding. And in case of such restoration, the Secretary shall at once notify all the other Lodges, and the Grand Secretary thereof.

SEC. 3. The Grand Lodge may at any Annual Communication, if good cause therefor be shown, restore a Mason who has been suspended or expelled within its jurisdiction, but such restoration shall not restore him to membership in the Lodge by which he was suspended or expelled.

SEC. 4. No suspension, expulsion or restoration shall be published otherwise than hereinbefore provided, except by authority of the Grand Lodge.

PART VII.

Of Amendments, Definitions and Forms.

ARTICLE I.

OF AMENDMENTS.

SECTION 1. Any proposed amendment to this Constitution shall be presented at an Annual Communication, and shall in all cases be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who shall report before a vote thereon be taken.

SEC. 2. After the report of the committee, if the vote in favor of such proposed amendment be unanimous, it shall be declared adopted, and from and after the close of that Communication, shall become a part of the Constitution.

SEC. 3. If the vote in favor of such proposed amendment be not unanimous, but there be a majority therefor, it shall lie over for one year, and shall be published with the proceedings under the caption of "Proposed Amendments to the Constitution;" and at the next succeeding Annual Communication, if it shall receive a majority of the votes given thereon, it shall be declared adopted, and from and after the close of that Communication, shall become a part of the Constitution.

SEC. 4. No vote upon a proposed amendment shall be taken after the election of the Grand Officers.

SEC. 5. All former written Constitutions of this Grand Lodge are hereby repealed, as are also all Regulations, or parts thereof, which are repugnant to or inconsistent with this Constitution; and no Regulation shall hereafter be adopted which shall be in violation of or inconsistent with any of its provisions.

ARTICLE II.

OF DEFINITIONS.

The words and terms used in this Constitution shall bear the construction which is given them in the following definitions:—

GRAND MASTER.—This title applies not only to him who has been elected and installed as Grand Master, but to either of the Grand Officers who, under the provisions of Article II., Part II., of this Constitution, shall have succeeded to his powers and duties.

MASTER.—This title applies not only to him who has been elected and installed as Master, but to either of the Wardens who, under the provisions of Article III., of Part IV., of this Constitution shall have succeeded to his powers and duties.

PAST GRAND OFFICER.—This title applies only to one of the six elective Grand Officers, who has been regularly elected and installed, and has served a term as such in this Grand Lodge, and who remains a member, in good standing, of some Lodge under its jurisdiction.

PAST MASTER.—This title applies only to one who has been regularly elected and installed, and has served a term as Master of a chartered Lodge within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and who still remains a member in good standing, of one of its subordinates.

REPRESENTATIVE.—The Representative of a Lodge within this State, is one who, being a member thereof, in the event that neither the Master nor either of the Wardens can be present at the Grand Lodge, has been elected by the Lodge, at a stated meeting, by ballot and by a majority of the votes present, to represent it at the next Communication. A Lodge without the State may be represented by a member of any Lodge under this jurisdiction, elected as before.

VACANCY.—Vacancies in office, either in a Lodge or in the Grand Lodge, may occur by death, deprivation, resignation, removal from the jurisdiction, suspension, or expulsion.

JURISDICTION.—The jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge includes all Lodges and Masons within the territorial limits of this State, and all Lodges and their members without this State, acting under its authority. The jurisdiction of a Lodge includes all Masons residing nearer to its place of meeting than to that of any other Lodge within this State, except in towns or cities where more than one Lodge exists; in which case either of such Lodges has separate jurisdiction over its own members, and concurrent jurisdiction over all Masons not members of one of such Lodges, who reside in such town or city, or nearer thereto than to any other place where a Lodge exists.

REGULATION.—By a Regulation of the Grand Lodge is meant any Resolution, Edict, Law or Ordinance of any kind whatever, other than the Constitution, which it may adopt.

SUSPENSION.—The suspension of a Lodge is an arrest of its Charter, and a temporary prohibition to assemble or work as a legal Lodge until again authorized so to do by competent authority; and the act suspends all its members except those especially exempted from its effect. The suspension of the Master of a Lodge is a temporary deprivation of his office, and prohibits all recognition of him in that capacity until he be restored by competent authority. The suspension of a Mason is a temporary deprivation of all his rights and privileges as such, and prohibits all Masons and Lodges from holding any Masonic intercourse whatever with him, until he shall be legally restored by the body which suspended him, or by the Grand Lodge having jurisdiction over that body.

EXPULSION.—The expulsion of a Mason is the highest penalty known to the Masonic Law. It is an absolute deprivation of all the rights and privileges of the Order, and prohibits all Masons and Lodges from holding any Masonic intercourse with him forever, unless he be restored by the Grand Lodge within whose jurisdiction he had been expelled.

NOTIFICATION.—A notification is a call issued by the Secretary, by order of the Lodge or Master, or by other competent authority, as hereinbefore provided, to attend for some specific purpose at the time and place therein indicated; and it is the duty of every Mason to comply with its direction, if he can, without great inconvenience do so.

SUMMONS. — A Summons is an imperative order, issued by the Master, or by other competent authority as hereinbefore provided, to appear at such time and place as may therein be designated. The obligation to obey it is absolute, and the penalty for disobedience shall be expulsion, unless it shall be shown that such disobedience was unavoidable, or was occasioned by some pressing necessity.

STATED MEETINGS. — The stated meeting of a Lodge is the one only meeting in each month, at which business may be done other than that provided in Sec. 2, Art. II., Part III., of this Constitution. It shall be designated as such in the By-Laws of each Lodge, and no adjourned or called meeting shall ever be considered as a part of such stated meeting.

ARTICLE III.

OF FORMS.

[The forms which will compose this Article, have not yet been prepared by the committee, but will be presented at the next Annual Communication.—A. G. A., Gr'd Sec.]

RETURNS

OF THE SUBORDINATE LODGES

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF

THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA.

A. L. 5857.

California Lodge, No. 1.

San Francisco, San Francisco County.

Stated Meetings, first Thursday in each Month.

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Eli Cook, <i>Treasurer,</i>	C. A. Sears, <i>{</i>
E. W. Bourne, <i>Secretary,</i>	O. de Villarson, <i>Organist,</i>
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Jno. Woolaver, (of San Francisco Lodge,) *Tyler.*

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Letter, Jacob	Olds, W. B.	Reynolds, Wm.	Uzay, C.
Linen, Jas.	Overn, Geo.	Reynolds, W. T.	Vail, Jno. F.
Maieas, C. W.	O'Bryon, J. F.	Saulmann, A.	Van Buskirk, H.
Mann, W. B.	Page, R. C.	Saunders, B. C.	Ward, I. M.
Martin M. S.	Parent, C. L.	Savage, O. S.	Wegener, F. O.
Middleton, Jno.	Paster, S. E.	Sawyer, E. A.	Welton, M.
Miller, J. F.	Patten, B. A.	Scooffy, P. M.	White, J. W.
Miller, W. J.	Patten, W. H.	Selover, A. A.	Wightman, Jno.
Milling, Wm.	Paul, A. B.	Shaw, Tobias	Wilder, L. I.
Miro, H. E.	Payne, Theo.	Shaw, S. W.	Williams, J. S.
Molitor, A. P.	Peaslee, C.	Shiels, Wm.	Williams, J. W.
Monroe, J. A.	Phillips, Jas.	Smith, E. W.	Williams, W. A.
Montagnie, J. de la	Piper, A. D.	Smith, J. T.	Wilson, C. L.
Moore, W. H.	Plum, C. M.	Southgate, J. J.	Wood, W. B.
Morse, E. E.	Ponte, Jno.	Stark, Jas.	Wright, G. S. — 174.
Murphy, N. S.	Potter, F. T.	Strahl, C. G.	
McClure, A. T.	Pratt, Jas.	Sullivan, E. L.	

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Eastland, J. G.	Hall, E. Jr.	Joffroy, Lorenzo	Simpson, J. L.
Flint, W. C.	Hildreth, J. D.	Leese, J. P.	Wilson, E. A. — 11.
Goldsmith, Jos.	Hoyt, Richard	Pollard, Aaron	

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Baker, Henry	Ewer, F. C.	Kittrell, J. R.	Rosenstock, M.
Balley, W. J.	Fleming, J. R.	Kohler, J. J.	Sawyer, A. F.
Blood, J. H.	George, H. A.	Lainbeer, Jno.	Sterling, J. F.
Briggs, Edgar	Gilbert, G. S.	Musgrove, J. D.	Taylor, J. M.
Briggs, W. H.	Goldsmith, W. E.	Peabody, A. W.	Thrall, H. H.
Brown, H. S.	Harnsborough, W. B.	Phillips, S. S.	Whitney, Jas. Jr.
Cazneau, T. N.	Ingram, J.	Rabe, Wm.	Young, Jas. H. — 31.
Coughlin, J. M.	Janes, J. L.	Root, S. E.	

WITHDRAWN:

Adler, Hipolito	Figel, S.	Moulton, U. F.	Owner, Henry
Barry, J. W.	Lane, E.	Newell, L. W.	Piper, W. A. — 10.
Bristow, J. H.	Markwald, A.		

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Amory, C. G.	Davis, J. H.	Loder, Geo.	McCarthy, Dennis
Coffin, Rufus	Gomez, H.	Mallett, J. H.	Van De Water, J. — 8.

Western Star Lodge, No. 2.

Shasta, Shasta County.

Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

Joseph Isaacs, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	M. H. Myrick, <i>Secretary,</i>
W. D. Olendorf, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	H. H. Shuffleton, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
L. G. Chapman, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	Daniel P. Bystle, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
G. C. Farquhar, <i>Treasurer,</i>	E. A. Kelton, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters :J. A. Raymond, *P.D.G.M.* W. G. West,

W. M. Allen.

MASTER MASONS:

Baker, W. H.	Dunn, D. H.	McAuliff, D. R.	Seeley, Geo.
Berry, Robt.	Farrington, N. C.	Neil, B.	Selden, E. C.
Bloom, H.	Forbes, G. D.	Newman, T. A.	Skeen, W. E.
Boch, R.	Glenn, J. T.	Norton, J. H.	Staples, Levi
Brewer, J. W.	Goodin, A.	Nunnally, W. A.	Stewart, W. W.
Brickey, R. W.	Hanson, Samuel	Owens, Alex.	Taft, W. H.
Brown, A. B.	Hart, Thos.	Parker, Wm.	Tower, L. H.
Brownell, H.	Hickey, D. B.	Parkinson, G. W.	Tull, J. W.
Bryce, Wm.	Holmes, J. L.	Patten, I. B.	Van Wie, A. J.
Chandler, B. F.	Jackson, J. W.	Pennington, J. T.	Wade, J. C.
Channel, B. F.	Johnson, H.	Pierson, J. W.	Wescott, S. B.
Chappel, J. N.	Johnson, J.	Robbins, E.	Wiener, J.
Cheesbro, E. F.	Johnston, W. E.	Roop, I.	Wilson, G. A.
Conger, P. F.	Lander, H.	Ross, Geo.	Wilson, H. H.
Crocker, E. F.	Lavery, J. D.	Ryan, J.	Wilson, W.—80.
Curtiss, H. A.	Merrill, S. R.	Scammon, G. J.	
Dangerfield, W. P.	Moore, Jos.	Scott, J. V.	
Davis, M. C.	Mosbach, A. H.	Seely, S.	

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Fuller, A. F. Kelly, C. P. Rodin, J. E.—3.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Blake, J. C.	Dewitt, J. M.	Hornbeck, A.
Cecil, J. B.	Hodge, Jno.	Roland, Wm.—6.

WITHDRAWN:

Bradley, W. L.	Goldstone, Lewis	Nutt, Jonathan
Gettleson, H.	Mooney, D. D.	Wingate, R. P.—6.

Tehama Lodge, No. 3.**Sacramento, Sacramento County.***Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

A. T. Nelson, <i>Wor. Master.</i>	Geo. S. Phillips, <i>Chaplain,</i>
J. H. Culver, <i>Sen. Warden.</i>	Jno. A. Tutt, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
C. M. Cornell, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	T. A. Talbert, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
J. G. Brewton, <i>Treasurer,</i>	J. Müller, }
T. A. Thomas, <i>Secretary.</i>	Jacob George, } <i>Stewards,</i>

O. D. Chafee, *Tyler.***Past Masters :**

Jno. A. Tutt, <i>P. G. M.</i>	O. D. Chafee, <i>G. Tyler.</i>	Jos. Hull,
T. A. Thomas, <i>P. D.G.M.</i>	A. T. Nelson,	Geo. H. Cartter.
Jno. F. Morse,		

MASTER MASONS:

Aurich, A.	Borrodaile, Geo.	Davis, J. Z.	Gober, W. R.
Baggs, Isaac	Bowles, J. S.	Farley, C.	Grant, J. D.
Bean, E. S.	Braudes, J.	Fisher, H. C.	Gray, B. S.
Beckley, L. R.	Browner, G. F.	Flanagan, T. B.	Greenbaum, A.
Bennett, A. A.	Cone, J. L.	Foley, J. J.	Greenhood, Wm.
Blossom, R. H.	Danielson, C. L.	Gamble, J.	Hagan, Lewis

Harrington, C. C.	Montgomery, G. E.	Pugh, J. W.	Taylor, J. N.
Harrison, A. C.	Morton, S. M.	Quinlin, W.	Tracy, E. W.
Hoffman, S.	McCarty, M.	Ratcliffe, W. M.	Weinrich, Henry
Humphreys, E.	McDonald, R. H.	Rhodes, J. P.	Wether, B. F.
Johnson, J. N.	McHesse, A.	Ryan, Jno.	Wetzler, J.
Kalkman, P.	McKune, J. H.	Sherwood, S. M.	Wheeler, O. C.
Kyberg, Samuel	Ordway, Wm.	Smith, C. H.	White, James
Latta, Thos.	Painter, A. J.	Somes, G. W.	Whitlock, G.
Marks, M.	Peabody, T. J.	Stephenson, J. M.	Whittenburg, W.
Marzen, Jos.	Perdue, T. W.	Stovall, W. W.	Young, O. H.—83.
Merriam, G. B.	Polhemus, J. L.	Strauss, L.	

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Cantwell, W. R.

Hoyt, J. P.—2.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Aula, V.	Hastings, L. W.	Nichols, C. P.	Torbit, C. J.—10.
Bowne, C. H.	Henning, F. C.	Russell, J. M.	
Gunn, G. W.	Marselas, G. W.	Stockflesh, T.	

WITHDRAWN:

Bradford, J. B.	Fletcher, C. A.	Hobrecker, F.	McCall, D.
Deitrich, A. G.	Graham, A.	Johnson, T. D.	Nutt, J.—11.
Dabrosky, A.	Harkness, H. W.	Martin, Addison	

DIED:

Wright, G. G.—1.

Benicia Lodge, No. 5.

Benicia, Solano County.

Stated Meetings, Wednesday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

John M. Neville, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	H. B. Hawkins, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
John J. Barry, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	Wm. J. Tustin, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
A. H. Estill, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	Wm. French, <i>Marshal,</i>
A. L. Stiles, <i>Treasurer,</i>	John Wright, } <i>Stewards.</i>
H. S. Soanes, <i>Secretary,</i>	A. P. Ryerson, }

George Pare, *Tyler.*

Past Masters:

S. K. Nurse,

Wm. S. Wells.

MASTER MASONS:

Agnew, J. D.	Harvie, C. F.	McDonald, D. F.	Sage, Timothy
Bedford, Thos.	Henry, Jas.	Neale, Jno.	Stine, J. C.
Davis, J. A.	Holliday, R. M.	Norman, R. B.	Toppan, R. S.
Duff, Thos.	Kinstry, Thos.	Nurse, W. B.	Vaughn, S.
Farmer, Thos.	Leslie, Lyman	Pollock, Jas.	Von Pfister, E. H.
Graham, Jno.	Miner, W.	Robinson, E.	—86.

FELLOW CRAFT:

Barry, J.—1.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Scoby, J. W.—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Miller, Jas.

Rodie, Robt.

Van Doran, J. W.—3.

STRIKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON PAYMENT OF DUES:

Bynum, Saschel.—1.

San Francisco Lodge, No. 7.

San Francisco, San Francisco County.

Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Adolphus Hollub, *Wor. Master*,
Thos. Callen, *Sen. Warden*,
Hugh Doyle, *Jun. Warden*,
Jas. Ballentine, *Treasurer*,

S. S. Sullock, *Secretary*,
B. Hineberg, *Sen. Deacon*,
W. C. Dyer, *Jun. Deacon*,

P. Gardner, (of California Lodge,) *Tyler*.

Past Masters:

J. J. Papy,

Adolphus Hollub, *P. S. G. W.*

Addison Martin, *G. Treas.*

MASTER MASONS:

Anderson Chas.	Donahue, J.	Mersich, M.	Simon, U.
Andrews, W.	Eger, A.	Moeller, A. D.	Simpson, Jas.
Ashton, Chas.	Evans, P. J.	Moss, D. H. D.	Simson, Aaron
Atkinson, J. H.	Frizell, J.	Mott, P. D.	Solomon, A.
Brown, F. C.	Glenn, Thos.	McCabe, A. J.	Stern, David
Byrnes, T. E.	Gorham, W. R.	McCarthy, E.	Thompson, J. S.
Cabaniss, J. C.	Green, W. A.	McKenzie, J.	Treanor, Jas.
Canham, W.	Harris, Thos.	McNeil, D.	Urie, Jas.
Carter, A.	Helbing, A.	Newhouse, H.	Wade, Jno.
Castle, J. G.	Jacobi, D.	O'Connell, A. F.	Washburn, J. K.
Clement, Jos.	Jamison, M.	Parish, C. J.	Wasserman, A.
Cochrane, R.	Johnson, J.	Pierce, Nelson	Whitney, W. J.
Collins, C. J.	Kelly, T.	Pottorff, W. H.	Wilson, J. L.
Craine, Wm.	Mahan, F. J.	Richardson, W.	Winkle, H.
Curry, Samuel	Marshall, C.	Ruje, R. A.	Woods, R. E.
Degroote, L. A.	Mayers, H.	Scott, Jno.	Woolaver, Jno.—74.

FELLOW-CRAFTS:

Johnson, Jno.	Luny, P.	Notting, W. H.	Roberts, Geo. G.—4.
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ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Bowen, G. C.	Hudson, M. B.	Wallace, Thos.	Yates, Geo. E.—5.
Dukes, M.			

WITHDRAWN:

Dinglespiel, L.	Friedlander, W.	Levi, J.	Wertheimer, L.—10.
Dudley, J.	Goodman, J.	Myers, I.	
Eddie, T. R.	Hunter, W. H.	Newbonner, J.	

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

Barry, E.	Gibbs, J.	Moylan, T. J.	Smith, E. J.
Caston, G. R.	Gilmartin, D.	Parker, J. W.	Willock, T.
Dolan, P.	Gronlier, Chas.	Ragsdale, E. R.	Wilson, J. A.—15.
Fritsch, J. W.	Mendels, E. S.	Seitz, Chris.	

Tuolumne Lodge, No. 8.

Sanora, Tuolumne County.

Stated Meetings, first Saturday in each Month.

OFFICERS:

Hugh G. Platt, *Wor. Master*,
A. C. J. Wilson, *Sen. Warden*,
R. R. Balls, *Jun. Warden*,
W. W. Traylor, *Treasurer*,
W. T. Pinney, *Secretary*,

F. A. Prasser, *Sen. Deacon*,
M. Hanover, *Jun. Deacon*,
J. M. Stewart, *Marshal*,
R. Coonret,
J. E. Edmondson, } *Stewards*,

W. A. Burt, *Tyler*.

Past Masters :

Chas. M. Radcliff, *P. G. M.* H. G. Platt, W. W. Traylor.

MASTER MASONS:

Amy, C. B.	Dodge, C. F.	Jamison, D. A.	Seivers, H.
Anderson, J. N.	Doore, Fred.	Jaques, Claude	Sekel, Geo.
Burns, T. H.	Doore, S. B.	Johnson, C.	Selling, P.
Calaway, O. P.	Evans, G. S.	Johnson, P. F.	Soles, H. S.
Caldwell, T.	Fish, J. B.	Keeler, G. W.	Stoker, J. R.
Clapp, J. J.	Fray, F. B.	Linoberg, E.	Sullivan, R. F.
Clarke, T.	Green, Alonzo	Marshall, B. F.	Tabard, P.
Classen, R.	Greenwood, O.	McCollough, I. N.	Thomas, Louis
Coats, T.	Hale, Matthew	McLean, Geo.	Tuttle, A. H. H.
Colbreath, J. C.	Hall, T. S.	Phillips, S. G.	Van Harlingen, J.
Collins, Wm.	Henry, B. M.	Ray, W. B.	Wolf, H.
Crawford, T.	Hutton, J. McD.	Rutherford, C. B.	Yaney, I. P. — 63.
Delahay, J. B.	Jamison, A. H.	Sedgewick, Jno.	

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Myer, Peter Wells, N. W. Wolcott, O. — 3.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Corker, David Jones, T. S. Myer, Moses Noekin, A. — 5.
Franklin, J. J.

WITHDRAWN:

Bertine, P. O.	Goldwater, M.	McDowell, D. S.	Townsend, David
Bruner, W. H.	Jeffrey, Wm.	Purdy, J. W.	— 10.
Elkins, A.	Markley, W. J.	Steiger, O. S.	

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Bancroft, E. A.	Raney, W. A.	Seligshon, W.	Smith, F. W. — 5.
Hammond, Wm.			

Marysville Lodge, No. 9.**Marysville, Yuba County.**

Stated Meetings, first Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Wm. T. Fonda, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	J. Ruth, <i>Secretary,</i>
J. R. Totman, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	H. N. Tilden, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
Henry Blackman, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	Jno. McQuin, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
Jas. Moore, <i>Treasurer,</i>	F. Schreiber. (of Yuba Lodge,) <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters :

Geo. Fagg. R. H. McDaniels, G. S. Pierson.
P. W. Randle, *P. J. G. W.*

MASTER MASONS:

Andris, Chas.	Filkins, C. E.	Peck, E. S.	Smith, J. G.
Barnes, A. P.	Goodwin, J. O.	Pierson, O. H.	Smith, S. B.
Brett, J. R.	Hake, F. H.	Pixley, Seymour	Snowwhite, E.
Cady, Miles	Hakens, L.	Rice, D. W. C.	Summers, H. B.
Carpied, Frank	Hathwell, C. A.	Robinson, Wm.	Teagarden, E.
Carr, J. E.	Kraft, Chas.	Scheussler, A.	Tucker, Jno.
Covilland, Chas.	Lowery, G. W.	Sherwood, J. W.	Warfield, J. B.
Duerdorff, J. R.	McCarthy, J. T.	Simerly, Samuel	Wheeler, Alfred
Eaton, Ira A.	O'Hanlin, R. T.	Simpson, —	Winans, Steph.—47.

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Simpkins, C. H.

Smith, Mix—2.

ENTERED APPRENTICE:

Lowery, J.—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Burlingame, Joel

Rees, E. M.

Ruger, John.—3.

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Becklit, T. K.

Legate, C. T.

Norris, F. A. B.

Coliandoly, C.

Lindhill, J. A.

Stockton, J. E.—6.

San Jose Lodge, No. 10.**San Jose, Santa Clara County.***Stated Meetings, first Saturday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Jno. B. Hewson, *Wor. Master*,
 H. J. Haskell, *Sen. Warden*.
 Chas. F. Willey, *Jun. Warden*.
 Josiah Belden, *Treasurer*.
 W. R. Davis, *Secretary*.

J. Y. Brown, *Sen. Deacon*,
 D. J. Porter, *Jun. Deacon*.
 R. B. Buckner, *Marshal*.
 P. C. Easley, *Steward*,
 Jno. Reddick, *Tyler*.

Past Masters:

W. H. Howard, *P.G.M.* J. B. Hewson, H. C. Melone, Benj. Cory.

MASTER MASONS:

Alcese, Andrew	Hensley, S. J.	Minor, P. O.	Schellenberger, M.
Auzerais, Edw.	Jacobson, S.	Murphy, W. A.	Smith, H. C.
Bailey, G. W.	Kibbe, T. R.	McKinney, F. S.	VanCannegan, P.
Barrows, J. F.	Kotinger, J. W.	Packwood, S. T.	Warthen, A. G.
Bassham, W. R.	Labell, M.	Papson, Wm.	Watson, O. P.
Brownshield, Hy.	Laurencel, H.	Peck, A. W.	Wilburn, T. J.
Byers, Robert	Lazeras, Leopold	Peck, Geo.	Wilks, R. P.
Delmonley, A.	Levy, Jacob	Prevost, Louis	Williams, Marcus
Dresser, T. W.	Lewis, Frank	Price, J. R.	Winn, A. M.
Guerrez, J. D.	Lewis, Jackson	Putney, C. M.	Wise, A.
Hancock, J. T.	Mathews, Wm.	Reed, Elliott	Yoell, J. A.—60.
Hardy, Mark	Miller, James	Ryland, C. T.	

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Basler, Jos.

McCutcheon, Wm.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Bostick, L. C.	Hester, W. T.	Kearney, James	Williams, J. M.
Cahn, L.	Hines, Wm.	Kendall, C. W.	Wilson, Thos.—10.
Healey, L. B.	Ingersol, T. J.		

WITHDRAWN:

Bergham, A.
 Crouch, B. T.

Orr, Samuel
 Stafford, W. M.

Swain, H. P.

Whitesides, C. H.—6.

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Eddy, W. H. Johnson, H. W. Lamartine, G. A. Morrow, Wm.—4.

DIED:

Christoph, F.

Woodnut, E.

Yates, A. J.

Yount Lodge, No. 12.**Napa, Napa County.***Stated Meetings, first Saturday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Jos. M. Dudley, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	Jas. Lefferts, <i>Secretary,</i>
Jas. M. Wilson, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	R. Smith, <i>Sen. Deacon.</i>
Saml. D. Goodrich, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	E. S. Cheesbro, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
Robert West, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Chas. H. Fitch, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters:

Jno. H. Seawell,	F. B. Gilmore.
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MASTER MASONS:

Alker, Thos.	Crouch, Robert	Hutchinson, J. P.	Plass, C. W.
Allen, C. H.	Ford, O. G.	Kilburn, R.	Robberson, A. F.
Boroughs, S. C.	Goodrich, G. G.	Lawley, Jno.	Rupe, S. H.
Brown, J. E.	Grant, David	Morse, Newton	Souther, C. N.
Capelle, J. S.	Grimes, Brice	Mount, Joseph	Stillwaggon, W. W.
Chopson, T.	Holliday, W. H.	McLallen, M. T.	Tucker, S. S. — 37.
Clark, Chas.	Howell, J. J.	McLeod, Geo.	

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Edgerton, H.	Nichols, J. M.	Parks, D. B. — 3.
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WITHDRAWN:

Baldrige, W.	Grigsby, A. F.	Hargrave, W.	Nash, W. H.
Evey, J.	Grigsby, Jno.	McGarry, Edward	Vaughn, W. — 8.

Nevada Lodge, No. 13.**Nevada, Nevada County.***Stated Meetings, second Saturday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Thos. P. Hawley, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	S. W. Boring, <i>Senior Deacon,</i>
A. B. Swan, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	E. K. Holmes, <i>Junior Deacon.</i>
W. L. Phillips, <i>Jun. Warden.</i>	J. H. Helm, <i>Marshal,</i>
I. Williamson, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Samuel Nichols, } <i>Stewards,</i>
J. F. Rudolph, <i>Secretary,</i>	J. F. Hathaway, {
J. F. Blythe, <i>Chaplain,</i>	J. W. Hastings, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters:

Isaac Williamson.	Wm. G. Alban.
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MASTER MASONS:

Asher, W. C.	Doyle, Jos.	Knox, W. J.	Palmer, G. M.
Block, A.	Dunn, T. O.	Lamb, Alex.	Peters, F. W.
Broadus, J. L.	Early C. D.	Latta, S. N.	Plumbhoff, Wm.
Bucknell, E.	Edwards, P. N.	Lillard, G.	Read, W. H.
Burton, E. F.	Elliott, G. N.	Lindsay, R. S.	Ritter, Wm.
Caldwell, J. I.	Ellmore, D. T.	Little, R.	Rosenheim, Aaron
Calkins, M. D.	Endicott, W.	Maltman, C. S.	Skeggs, E.
Carman, B. R.	Freeman, Fred.	Maltman, Wm.	Smith, Wm.
Caswell, T. H.	Furth, S.	Meredith, Henry	Stewart, W. M.
Chapman, A.	Hall, C. R.	Miller, F. R.	Tweed, C. A.
Conyers, B. L.	Hill C. W.	Mills, H. A.	VanHagan, J. B.
Crane, D. A.	Holmes, J.	Morrison, W. P.	Webber, Jno.
Crenshaw, J. T.	Kilander, H. M.	Overton, C. T.	Whitney, J. R.—67.
Dawley, I. N.	Kilbourne, G. O.		

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Calwell, J. H.	Coombs, H.	Morgan, T. J.	Wilson, A. B.—6.
Carter, C.	Cross, E. W.		

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Culbertson, J. H.	Henley, R.	Whartenby, Jas.	Woodruff, H. R.—6.
Dunn, J. S.	Readfearn, G.		

WITHDRAWN:

Bigham, R. W.	Hardy, A.	Justice, W.	Readshaw, W. J.
Fitz James, J.	Hill, Wm.	Lilly, D. R.	Tansey, J. R.—9.
Gray, Jonathan			

DIED:

Johnson, David—1.

Temple Lodge, No. 14.

Sonoma, Sonoma County.

Stated Meetings, fourth Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS:

J. S. Woods, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	Wm. Cassebohm, <i>Secretary,</i>
S. Akers, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	H. D. McNab, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
A. C. McDonald, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	J. Selling, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
H. Burns, <i>Treasurer,</i>	T. Neeb, <i>Tyler,</i>

Past Masters:

Israel Brockman,	Wm. Ross,	W. Copeland.
M. E. Cook,		

MASTER MASONS:

Beasley, Jesse	Horne, A. A.	Neville, J. N.	Renick, A. B.
Benitz, Wm.	Jenks, J. L.	Orr, Samuel	Rupe, David
Berggren, T. F.	Kamp, H. L.	O'Farrell, Jasper	Smith, Jason
Boggs, Wm.	Kelsey, Sam.	Peabody, E. T.	Tate, T. H.
Burris, Wm.	May, Jno.	Pendegrass, J. C.	Tennent, Archibald
Campbell, Pcter	Munday, Jas.	Ray, Jno.	Warder, R. R.—37.
Coleman, Chas.			

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Beck, Robert	LeValle, H.	Poppe, Julius	Williams, J. — 5.
Fitch, Fred.			

WITHDRAWN:

Fine, J. H.	Mullison, H. P. — 2.
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SUSPENDED:

Blackeney, J. C. — 1.

DIED:

Cooper, Jas. — 1.

Eureka Lodge, No. 16.**Auburn, Placer County.***Stated Meetings, third Monday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Jno. R. Crandall, *Wor. Master*,
 M. P. H. Love, *Sen. Warden*,
 Jacob Feldberg, *Jun. Warden*,
 Victor Jones, *Treasurer*,

Hiram R. Hawkins, *Secretary*,
 Simon E. Barrett, *Sen. Deacon*,
 Moses Hyneman, *Jun. Deacon*,
 Simon Davidson, *Tyler*.

Past Masters:

Jno. R. Crandall, *P. S. G. W.* H. R. Hawkins, M. Hyneman.

MASTER MASONS:

Anderson, Jas. Holmes, H. T. Mitchell, C. H. Thomas, P. W. — 15.
 Glaze, M. Johnson, W. A. Parkinson, W. K.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Boggs, J. C. Lubeck, S. — 2.

WITHDRAWN:

Levison, Jacob — 1.

Loge La Parfaite Union, No. 17.**San Francisco, Comte de San Francisco.***Réunion Ordinaire, le premier Vendredi de chaque mois.***LES OFFICIERS:**

François T. Teclaw, *V'ble Maître*,
 Constant Hubert, *1er Surveillant*,
 Bernard Denneray, *2de Surveillant*,
 Henri Lucké, *Treasorier*,
 Prospère Carbinière, *Secrétaire*,
 Charles Thierry, *1er Diacre*.

Pierre Portois, *2de Diacre*,
 Jean Mibielle, *Orateur*,
 Amic Gazan, *Maréchal*,
 Jacques Delange, *Maitres de*
 Louis Gobert, *Ceremonies*,
 Jean Branger, *Couvreur*.

EX VÉNÉRABLE MAITRES:

Joseph Haine, Hubert Kidel, Pasqual Quayne.

MAÎTRE MAÇONS:

Alexandre Elie, Bruiggemane, J. H. Driard, Sosthène Vessaert, A.
 Beraud, Louis Casse, François, Gagneux, E. Zacrisky, A.
 Berthelot, J. Domer, Bertrand Harris, A. H. Zwicky, G. — 28.
 Blum, Jacob

COMPAGNONS:

Fayard, J. B. A. Küner, A. Pinchard, J. B.

APPRENTICES:

Fournier, A. Morin, — Samuel, David Thomas, Simon — 6.
 Fournier, C. Russ, J.

RETRAITÉS:

Dahlman, C. Guillet, A. S. A. Levy, Leopold — 3.

RAYÉ POUR NON-PAYMENT DE QUOTISATION:

Bouchard, Hypolite — 1.

EXPULSÉ:

Chieto, Thomas — 1.

DÉCÉDÉ:

Dawes, W. Lequin, Constant Gerardin, A. (app.) — 3.

Mountain Shade Lodge, No. 18.**Downieville, Sierra County.***Stated Meetings, Tuesday of or next preceeding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

H. G. Brown, *Wor. Master*,
 Samuel Stailey, *Sen. Warden*,
 Garland Harris, *Jun. Warden*,
 Christian Reis, *Treasurer*,

E. J. Foote, *Secretary*,
 J. S. Van Dyke, *Sen. Deacon*,
 Peter Thatcher, *Jun. Deacon*,
 C. E. Wilcox, *Tyler*.

Past Masters:

Lewis Reynolds, H. G. Brown.

MASTER MASONS:

Aiken, C. D.	Frost, B. G.	Meraux, Jos.	Southworth, E. C.
Andrews, Richard	Galway, Richard	Munday, E. L.	Spohn, Elijah
Barrett, J. M.	Gates, Erastus	McGrath, Wm.	Stewart, S. C.
Bernhardt, Lewis	Graham, T. B.	Parsons, Nathan	Stick, Wm.
Booth, G. A.	Green, Benj.	Rapp, Jos.	Stowe, A. W.
Bramley, J. S.	Grippen, E. M.	Rosenthal, Lewis	Taylor, R. H.
Brown, J. W.	Hall, O. C.	Savage, J. M.	Troppman, J.
Clements, Q. A.	Hunter, W. R.	Seellen, J. D.	Van Rankin, D.
Collins, Stephen	Kline, C. J.	Schimmel, Jno.	Warner, H.
Cooper, S. D.	Lamping, P. A.	Seltzer, Henry	Weaver, V.
Craycroft, J. H.	Langton, S. W.	Smith, E. J.	Whistler, Thos.—54.
Evans, E. B.			

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Hickok, H. D. Proctor, F. M. Strober, M. — 3.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Howe, S. B. McKibben, Jos. — 2.

WITHDRAWN:

Adolph, Philip	Eddy, Otis	Kennedy, Malachi	Young, W. P. — 10.
Alleman, L.	Ford, W. J.	Langton, A. T.	
Conrad, Jno.	Haskell, Hiram	Maklin, Henry	

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

Buhlenger, Simeon	Flagg, J. M.	Miller, Hiram	Powell, Jno. — 7.
Campbell, Wm.	Lemon W. C.	Polley, J. B.	

EXPELLED:

Gardner, J. M.

DIED:

Emerick, W. J. Ewart, Hugo. — 2.

San Joaquin Lodge, No. 19.**Stockton, San Joaquin County.***Stated Meetings, Monday next preceeding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

Wm. Graham, *Wor. Master*,
 T. T. Bouldin, *Sen. Warden*,
 E. M. Howison, *Jun. Warden*,
 M. Goldman, *Treasurer*,

Gilbert Palache, *Secretary*,
 Anan Hine, *Sen. Deacon*,
 W. R. Jefferson, *Junior Deacon*,
 A. G. Brown, *Tyler*.

Past Masters:

F. C. Andrew,

J. K. Shafer,

MASTER MASONS:

Benson, H. C.	Gage, A. S.	Lester, Andrew	Rothenbush, P.
Beritzoff, A. C.	Grunsky, Chas.	Lewis, A.	Shaeffer, F.
Brown, S. J.	Hoercher, A. H.	Mathews, H. O.	Schwartz, Philip
Choate, G. R.	Jenkins, J. G.	Morris, J. C.	Tyler, J. A.
Clark, W. B.	Kelty, E. C.	McKamey, J. M.	Vance, W. M.
Craner, A.	Kennedy, J. B.	Peters, J. D.	Vandyke, J. M.—36.
Friedlander, J.	Kitchings, D.		

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Alexander, J. O.	Bonacina, F.	Keeler, Jno.	Palmer, W. J.—4
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WITHDRAWN:

Bradford, A. C.	Henry, B. M.	Rhees, H. H.	Winham, W. P. L.
Caldron, E. L.	Leach, J. B.	Rosenthal, S. R.	Wynn, Walter.—11.
Claiborne, G. B.	Marshall, J. R.	Winham, M. A.	

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Candee, J. G.	Coreoran, F. E.	Creanor, C. M.	Webster, Geo.—5.
Colt, E. W.			

Washington Lodge, No. 20.

Sacramento, Sacramento County.

Stated Meetings, first Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS:

N. Greene Curtis, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	Justin Gates, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
Ham. C. Harrison, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	Jno. Rothenbuecher, <i>Jun. Deacon.</i>
L. W. Ferris, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	J. D. Treat, } <i>Stewards.</i>
David Maddux, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Jno. Trautman, }
Dan'l. St. C. Steevens, <i>Secretary,</i>	J. L. Thompson, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters:

N. Greene Curtis, <i>G. M.</i>	H. H. Hartley,	A. D. Patterson.
G. I. N. Monell,	Isaac Davis,	

MASTER MASONS:

Abbot, C. E.	Eyre, E. E.	Hogg, W. M.	McNulty, W.
Alden, Thos.	Forsyth, J. H.	Hunt, D. N.	Read, J. A.
Arcega, J. M.	Fowler, J. A.	Hunt, J. A.	Redding, B. B.
Atkins, J. R.	Gates, D. V.	Hutchinson, C. J.	Richardson, A. G.
Backus, Gordon	Gift, G. W.	Ingham, C. T.	Rumsey, L. W.
Barr, J. C.	Goss, Leonard	Jamison, J. S.	Russell, J. P.
Blake, Gorham	Greenwald, Simon	Johnson, Albert	Rust, P. C.
Block, Emanuel	Grice, Henry,	Johnson, Thos.	Sackett, C. C.
Blom, J. C.	Griffith, Humphrey	Johnson, R. P.	Shepherd, J. M.
Bockrath, H. H.	Griffith, J. T.	Kidder, N. A.	Stanwood, N. D.
Booth, L. A.	Griswold, Gilbert	Lardner, F. S.	Starrett, Milton
Bowstead, J. H.	Hall, J. T.	Lauriat, L. A.	Taylor, A. W.
Bradford, C. H.	Hammond, A. M.	Little, Samuel	Thompson, J. P.
Buddwent, C. L.	Hardy, J. H.	Long, W. S.	Walter, Andrew
Coachman, J. C.	Hardy, J. P.	Lord, J. D.	Waters, John
Craig, J. L.	Harris, L. B.	Mitchell, J. A.	Welbourn, L. C.
Crouch, B. T.	Haskell, D. H.	Mitchell, J. B.	White, C. S.
Day, J. T.	Hayden, A. M.	Morris, J. M.	White, W. S.
Denver, Frank	Henry, H. O.	McClellan, —	Wills, J. M.
Diehl, I. S.	Hereford, Frank	McGrew, J.	Wilson, A. H.
Eakins, W. H.	Hill, Thos.	McMeans, S. A.	Zander, T. P.—100.
Elkus, L.	Hillyer, M. C.		

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Asbury, G. M.	Deal, Samuel	Graves, J. L.	Rhea, H. P. — 6.
Cropsy, J. R.	Fitch, W. C.		

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Ball, N. A. H.	Cone, Geo.	Madden, Jerome	Morse, Chas.
Bolez, A.	Gilmore, D. W.	May, S. J.	Waters, W. R. — 11.
Brewster, J. A.	Locke, B. S.	Moon, Jackson	

WITHDRAWN:

Colgan, Jos.	Meredith, Henry	Morgan, E. S.	Rich, Samuel
Collins, L. P.	Mills, J. M.	Powell, Ransom	Warner, Louis — 9.
Hammond, A. M.			

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

Bird, S. H. — 1.

Hawaiian Lodge, No. 21.

Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands.

Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Geo. Williams, <i>Wor. Master</i> ,	Wm. Duncan, <i>Sen. Deacon</i> ,
Henry F. Poor, <i>Sen. Warden</i> ,	Daniel Quinlan, <i>Jun. Deacon</i> ,
J. C. Pfluger, <i>Jun. Warden</i> ,	E. Hoffman, <i>Marshal</i> ,
G. H. Luce, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	B. Richmond, } <i>Stewards</i> ,
Abr. Fornander, <i>Secretary</i> ,	C. F. Guillou, }

———, *Tyler*.

Past Masters:

Wm. Wond,

Alex. J. Cartwright.

MASTER MASONS:

Adams, E. P.	Cooper, Jas.	Hardi, E. F.	Montgomery, Jno.
Andrews, L. Jr.	Cornell, J. B.	Harvey, M. R.	McLean, G. C.
Babcock, W.	Durham, B. F.	Henck, T. C.	Reiners, G.
Barton, C. S.	Emmes, G. J.	Johnson, T. W.	Robbins, N. H.
Bernard, B.	Feldheim, S.	Lange, G.	Sweeney, G.
Brayton, G.	Gilman, G. D.	Lewers, C. H.	Thurston, A. G.
Collins, J.	Green, H. J.	Macfarlane, H.	Webster, Wm.—43.
Comstock, H.	Greig, W.	Melchers, G. C.	

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Ford, S. P.	French, A. S.	Mauer, L. G.	Rice, W. B.—4.
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WITHDRAWN:

Austin, J. W.	Miller, G.	Rooke, T. C. B.	Seymour, T. S.
Irwin, Jos.	Moch, J. A.	Sea, Henry	Turner, T. J.—10.
Kamehameha, Lot	Neilson, H. A.		

Occidental Lodge, No. 22.

San Francisco, San Francisco County.

Stated Meetings, fourth Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Albert G. Randall, <i>Wor. Master</i> ,	Jas. Laidley, <i>Sen. Deacon</i> ,
Wm. M. LaRoche, <i>Sen. Warden</i> ,	Stewart Smith, <i>Jun. Deacon</i> ,
Jno. B. Newton, <i>Jun. Warden</i> ,	Jas. G. Pearson, <i>Marshal</i> ,
Samuel Loring, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Isaac G. Thrasher, } <i>Stewards</i> .
Edward S. Benson, <i>Secretary</i> .	Edward M. Hayes, }
Annis Merrill, <i>Chaplain</i> ,	Joel Noah, <i>Tyler</i> .

Past Masters:

James Rice, Jr.,
Jas. E. Wainwright,
Smyth Clark,

Geo. W. Baker,
Albert G. Randall,
J. H. Gihon, *P. G. Sec.*

Gregory Yale,
Joel Noah.

MASTER MASONS:

Bailey, Orrin	Farwell, J. M.	Heyl, W. S.	Nickerson, Mulf.
Baird, J. H.	Fenner, C. G.	Holland, Nath.	Noe, Jas.
Bates, G. C.	Finley, J. W.	Hooper, A. J.	Norcross, Daniel
Browne, J. V.	Franklin, Lumley	Hopkins, R. C.	Norton, Joshua
Campbell, Alex.	Gamble, J. S.	Hughes, J. L.	Parker, T. B.
Chapin, S. H.	Gates, H. S.	Hunt, D. B.	Pearkes, Geo.
Chauviteau, F.	Gore, B. B.	Johnson, T. R.	Roberts, D. S.
Clark, J. A.	Grant, Jas.	Lull, L. R.	Rowell, Isaac
Cook, Elisha	Hackett, J. K.	Middleton, Jos.	Sherman, Wm.
Crozier, R. G.	Hagan, A. H.	Moore, E. J.	Sinton, R. H.
Eldridge, J. O.	Hampton, R. B.	Mount, C. E.	Soule, Frank
Ellis, J. S.	Harris, S. R.	Negus, S. W.	Woodworth, F. A.—65

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Bowie, A. J.	Harvey, J. C.	Seguin, B.	Watson, G. F.
Brinsmade, A. A.	Saffrons, I.	Stevens, W. H.	Wood, W. G.—8.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Addis, Jno.	Freelon, T. W.	Lammot, R. S.	Squires, H. N.—13.
Alexander, Geo.	Garwood, G. M.	McDougal, Geo.	
Brooks, W. H. J.	Howell, L. V. H.	Sheldon, J.	
Chamberlain, C. M.	Huxley, J. M.	Spofford, W. E.	

WITHDRAWN:

Battelle, T. K. Brower, H. H. Ryan, Edmund—3.

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

Byrne, H. H.	Simpton, Geo.	Webb, H. A.	White, T. J.—6.
Fitch, H. S.	Sloan, E. W. F.		

DIED:

Bowie, Hamilton R.

Madison Lodge, No. 23.

Grass Valley, Nevada County.

Stated Meetings, first Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Wm. McCormick, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	Zenas Wheeler, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
Wm. H. Hollis, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	T. R. Walker, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
Jno. P. McLaughlin, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	Wm. E. Banks, <i>Marshal,</i>
J. S. Dorsey, <i>Treasurer,</i>	R. Musgrave, { <i>Stewards,</i>
S. Brigham, <i>Secretary,</i>	Samuel Taylor, }
	E. H. Whiting, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters:

Zenas Wheeler,	S. C. Richardson,	Wm. McCormick,	O. H. Dibble.
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MASTER MASONS:

Barnstead, T. S.	Coock, H. H.	Erwin, T.	Jessel, M.
Blackford, Jno.	Crandall, G. N.	Findley, Thos.	Larrimer, J. W.
Boardman, J. H.	Crossette, W. C.	Fletcher, Stephen	Lauke, E. V.
Bradly, A. B.	Delano, A.	Goad, J. C.	Lockwood, J. W.
Burgess, T. J.	Dibble, A. B.	Hodgson, Henry	Mansau, Z.
Burnett, Jno.	Edwards, C. R.	Humiston, L.	Meyers, S.

McClure, J. W.	Osborne, A. P.	Silvester, Henry	Stewart, M. L.
McCoy, Jno.	Penberthy, Wm.	Small, B. B.	Sweet, H. H.
McDonald, C. P.	Phelps, J.	Smith, C. F.	Tilley, W. J.
McElroy, F.	Richards, J. J.	Solomon, A.	Tompkins, E. A.
McLaughlin, E.	Sanders, A.	Spencer, W. K.	Watt, Wm.
McMurtry, J. H.	Seadden, Henry	Spofford, E. W.	Wood, W. W. — 63.
McMurtry, J. W.	Scott, H.		

FELLOW CRAFTS :

Cowan, Stephen	Kohler, Wm.	Lambert, J. S.	Rapp, J. D. — 4.
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ENTERED APPRENTICES :

Bard, L. L.	Freeman, H. F.	Hubbard, F. A.	Nisuanger, Wm.
Clapp, W. B.	Hancock, H. H.	Mahew, J. S.	Smith, C. W. — 9.
Edge, Matthew			

WITHDRAWN :

Eaves, Wm.	Fisher, Jacob	Land, T. R.	Shedd, T. A.
Effinger, J. H.	Goad, W. F.	Seyton, C. S.	Tibbals R. — 9.
Files, J. S.			

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES :

Peterson, C. M. — 1.

SUSPENDED :

Thayer, F. W. — 1.

DIED :

Fouse, J. M. — 1.

• Mariposa Lodge, No. 24.

Mariposa, Mariposa County.

Stated Meetings, Saturday next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS :

Wm. A. King, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	John N. Moore, <i>Secretary,</i>
Jos. W. Thomas, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	J. H. Appling, <i>Sen. Deacon.</i>
Joshua D. Crippen, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	Thos. J. Farnsworth, <i>Jun. Deacon.</i>
Jules Dettleback, <i>Treasurer.</i>	Miles Goodman, <i>Marshal.</i>
	Hugh Davanay, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters :

Green B. Abel,	Samuel A. Merritt, <i>P. J. G. W.</i>
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MASTER MASONS :

Adams, J. T.	Connelly, R. S.	Jenkins, J. C.	Rountree, W. A.
Aeilkema, B. D.	Creighan, Jas.	Lewis, M. B.	Simpson, Jas.
Appling, R. A.	Crenshaw, G. H.	Linenburg, L.	Steptoe, J. P.
Appling, E. R.	Davis, J. H.	Magner, Jno.	Stiner, C. M.
Bell, Samuel	Dickenson, O. M.	Marshall, J. J.	Stockton, J. M.
Bowlin, J. S.	Easley, Thos.	Morris, B. F.	Sweet, S.
Bowling Jno.	Hewitt, E. E.	McCracken, Jas.	Torney, J. W.
Bowling, J. L.	Hillman, Thos.	McDonald, J. H.	Valentine, C. T.
Bowman, J. C.	Howard, I. M.	McNamara, J. F.	Westfall, J. J.
Boyce, A. D.	Howeth, Nelson	McNichol, Jno.	Williams, G. W.
Brown, E. D.	Hubbard, Wm.	Norris, J. K.	Wormser, Simon
Brownfield, S. G.	Hubbell, N. B.	Parker, W. T.	Young, A. H. — 61.
Carroll, H. A.	Jackson, A.		

FELLOW CRAFTS :

Broderes, R. C.	Burchard, W. C.	Hart, E. P.	Shilling, J. D. — 7.
Brown, Andrew	Grosenmiers, J. F.	Papers, J. M.	

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Ashman, J. S.	Eagar, D. J.	McElwy, A.	Parker, B. G.—5.
Dickey, H. H.			

WITHDRAWN:

Bradley, D. S.	Hussey, Patrick,	Nagle, J. B.	Vinsenhale, L. D.
Howry, Abram	Lane, A. J.	Thornton, T. G.	—7.

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Ashworth, S.	Higgins, Asa	McVicar, Jas.	Walcot, C. H.—6.
Bondurant, J. M.	Long, T. W.		

SUSPENDED:

Green, R. L.—1.

DIED:

Hargis, W. S.—1.

Georgetown Lodge, No. 25.

Georgetown, El Dorado County.

Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

Jas. Z. Kelly, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	Richard Doncaster, Jr., <i>Secretary.</i>
Jno. B. Harden, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	Russell Williams, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
Jno. C. Simpson, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	A. C. Kittle, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
A. D. Rock, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Wm. T. Gibbs, <i>Tyler,</i>

Past Masters:

P. W. Cunningham,	Jno. P. Davidson,
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MASTER MASONS:

Bartie, Geo.	Cranston, T. J.	Lancaster, W. M.	Ray, F. G.
Barncy, C. S.	Day, R. J.	Langley, Wm.	Rayburn, L. C.
Barney, J. N.	Deverter, M.	Latchin, G. T.	Robinson, E. J.
Berry, S. A.	Dodd, W. W.	Maneeke, Fred.	Rouch, Wm.
Bird, A. B.	Eisner, Jos.	Martin, David	Rupert, G. W.
Bollen, Thos.	Ferguson, S. B.	McConnell, Thos.	Russell, W. H.
Bossont, A.	Fortunes, Wm.	McMurray, J. D.	Smith, J. F.
Boswell, N. C.	Glaze, M.	Oliver, J. W.	Steel, J. N.
Breese, A.	Gore, Jno. G.	Palmer, W. M.	Stockton, Jas.
Breese, T. W.	Gunsell, J. H.	Peebles, S. S.	Turner, Jared
Buyatte, Louis	Hook, Geo. W.	Petrogenia, P.	VanGuilder, A. A.
Chandler, W. H.	Hughes, J. H.	Porter, Thos.	Wood, W. T.—60.
Cox, W. H.	Jamison, S. M.		

FELLOW-CRAFTS:

Castle, J. M.	Myrick, J. W.	Noel, J. T.	Ray, J. W.—4.
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ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Burns, J. A.	Greenwood, E.	Hubert, G. A.	Parker, S. E.
Courtwise, J.	Guthrie, R. M.	Kittle, A. C.	Simmons, J.
Downs, D. S.	Hershey, C. B.	Loftus, Jno.	Stewart, E. K.—15.
Elson, J. M.	Hewit, R.	Mooney, M.	

WITHDRAWN:

Boles, J. N.	Frankenthal, M. M.	McCully, J. S.	Reed, T. M.
Bollen, Thos.	Graff, Louis	McCurry, B. C.	Smith, H.
Brookshire, R. R.	Hill, A. J.	McDonald, A. H.	Thompson, Jos.
Cox, J. W.	Kelly, H. C.	McDonald, J. A.	Williamson, J. R.
Ellis, N. W.	Keyser, Benj.	Newman, H. E.	Wilson, T. W.—23.
Fewell, J. M.	Lackey, W. G.	Pardee, R. G.	

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Davis, M. Russell, H. B. Stewart, R.—3.

EXPELLED:

Nye, Samuel P.—1

DIED:

Bunch, Isaac H.

McSlagle, M. K.—2.

El Dorado Lodge, No. 26.

Placerville, El Dorado County.

Stated Meetings, Monday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

Wm. A. January, *Wor. Master*,
Jno. Bush, *Sen. Warden*,
C. W. Barnes, *Jun. Warden*,
L. Lannewald, *Treasurer*,
I. S. Titus, *Secretary*,

W. P. Vernon, *Sen. Deacon*,
Thos. Caystile, *Jun. Deacon*,
W. H. Smith, *Marshal*,
L. C. Fisk, }
L. S. Cardwell, } *Stewards*,

J. S. Devoe, *Tyler*.

Past Master:

J. B. Buker.

MASTER MASONS:

Allen, J. H.	Davis, T.	Hunter, Alex.	Ober, C. H.
Arvidson, C. J.	Degolia, D.	Johnson, J. C.	Parker, E. G.
Bailey, J. G.	Dorsey, A. S.	Johnson, Wm.	Plumado, F. H.
Barnes, J. N.	Doyle, Herman	Kahn, Aaron	Ream, Samuel
Barss, F. F.	Frank, Wm.	King, John	Roy, Jno.
Biron, Hyman	Gelwicks, D. W.	Levisson, M.	Stout, G. W.
Carr, L. T.	Hardin, Richard	Little, Hiram	Sulzbacher, Jos.
Cartheche, Jno.	Harmon, F. H.	Luck, Frank	Thatcher, A. M.
Coughlin, D.	Hawley, A. H.	Mell, Francis	Van Vleck, H.
Crosby, A. C.	Hopkins, L. B.	Newell, D. K.	White, Robert,—52.

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Grabenheim, A. Meacham, B.—2.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Crandall, O. A. Dorsey, J. M. Le Cam, A. M. Shields, J. W.—4.

WITHDRAWN:

Bee, A. W.	Fleischer, W.	Levy, H.	Sischo, N. N.
Buchanan, J.	Greenberg, H.	Phillips, Isaiah	Thompson, R. L.
Burwell, W. J.	Henderson, Wm.	Sanders, J. L.	Tracy, T. F.
Converse, W. B.	Hewett, J. C.	Shober, J. L.	Wilstater, H.—18.
Finch, Caleb	Kohn, David		

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Burnham, A. J. Kisinger, Jno.—2.

DIED:

Keene, B. F. Vernon, J. B.—2.

Trinity Lodge, No. 27.**Weaverville, Trinity County.***Stated Meetings, last Monday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

H. J. Seaman, *Wor. Master*,
 B. W. Winston, *Sen. Warden*,
 J. C. Burch, *Jun. Warden*,
 A. J. Loomis, *Treasurer*,

Jno. A. Watson, *Secretary*,
 L. B. Thorpe, *Sen. Deacon*,
 Jas. W. Finley, *Jun. Deacon*,
 Levi Reynolds, *Tyler*.

Past Masters:

M. Ruch.

M. W. Personette.

J. S. Pitzer.

MASTER MASONS.

Bilay, A. F.	Grant, Jno.	Mason, J. C.	Potter, D. W.
Carr, Jno.	Grant, Wm.	May, W. B.	Simpson, W. G.
Chillis, J. F.	Harris, F.	Miller, R. T.	Stuart, R. G.
Dannenbrink, C.	Harris, J. S.	Monroe, A.	Sturdivant, J. A.
Darling, H.	Hessey, J.	Musser, Jno.	Van Schaick, W.
Davidson, H. B.	Hocker, Henry	Myers, Jno.	Ware, Wm.
Davis, J. R.	Howland, D.	McGillivray, Jos.	Wells, F. W.
Dexter, S. S.	Kelly, E. A.	McKenzie, F. S.	Wells, R. B.
Edwards, F. T.	Lang, Max	McMurray, Jno.	West, W. J.
Felter, A. J.	Lee, Craven	Neblett, E.	White, Jno.
Given, W. C.	Lowe, W. M.	Norcross, O. H. P.	Wilson, R. W.
Gordon, J. B.	Maloney, Wm.	Olmstead, W. B.	Wood, J. C. — 60.
Goring, Chas.			

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Gilman, S. S.	Lanver, Jos.	Live, Chas.	Peschle, F. W. — 5.
Griffin, M. F.			

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Epley, Jno.	Holler, Phillip	Messee, J. G.	Rabb, Louis. — 4.
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WITHDRAWN:

Broadwater, W. P.	Harris, F. W.	Kreider, S. D.	Newbaur, H.
Eder, P. M.	Henderson, J. A.	Moore, M. T.	Tinnin, W. J. — 9.
Fisher, J.			

DIED:

J. C. Schooch. — 1.

Columbia Lodge, No. 28.**Columbia, Tuolumne County.***Stated Meetings, first Thursday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Jas. A. Jackson, *Wor. Master*,
 Jas. Campbell, *Sen. Warden*,
 M. S. Toman, *Jun. Warden*,
 P. C. Ferguson, *Treasurer*,
 F. W. H. Aaron, *Secretary*,

C. R. Riley, *Sen. Deacon*,
 B. S. Glover, *Jun. Deacon*,
 Jeremiah Floyd, *Marshal*,
 N. B. Gardner, } *Stewards*,
 V. D. Brundage, }

S. Jellison, *Tyler*.**Past Masters:**

Augustus Campbell,

Jas. A. Jackson.

MASTER MASONS:

Blatchley, A.	Gенning, A. W.	Lewis, M. A.	Reasoner, N.
Carley, Josh.	Gillespie, C. K.	Lockley, E. B.	Roberts, J.
Coffroth, J. W.	Glover, B. S.	Loring, J. M.	Robinson, R. A.
Colby, S. S.	Goodrich, A. C.	Markham, W. F.	Sampson, G. H.
Collins, J. T.	Gray, J. A.	Marshall, J. W.	Skinner, Ed.
Conner, J. L.	Heckendorn, J.	Miller, H. S.	Sleeper, W. O.
Day, Eben'r	Hildebrand, M.	Millington, J.	Sparks, J. G.
Dillon, Jos.	Howland, L. L.	Mills, Edgar	Taylor, T. R.
Dryer, T. B.	Hurford, J. E.	Mullin, E.	Towle, R. H.
Duchow, J. C.	Jolly, John	Mylar, Thos.	VanAmringe, W.
Duncan, Jacob	Keith, J. W.	McLaughlin, J. W.	Wellington, E.
Eddy, Jas.	Kendal, L. N.	Parsons, M. W.	Wells, J.
Farnsworth, A.	Leavitt, Albert	Plumer, G. B.	Whateley, W.
Fletcher, A.	Leon, S.	Raymond, V. R.	Williams, F.—70.
Frost, Jacob	Levy, Isaac		

FELLOW-CRAFTS,

Bowen, P. M.	Farquhar, Alex.	Wedlake, Jno.—3.
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ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Belcher, L.	Briggs, E. B.	Herschfeld, B. J.	Merchant, S. D.—4.
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WITHDRAWN:

Allen, Henry	Carter, J. T.	Laird, J. W.	Sponsler, F. R.
Camp, E. S.	Daken, P.	Mylar, Israel	Wynne, J. A.—8.

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

Hunnewell, A. A.	Oxley, T. J.	Robinson, R. A.	Wilson, Geo.—4.
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Diamond Lodge, No. 29.

Diamond Springs, El Dorado County.

Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

Chas. F. Irwin, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	H. Kross, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
E. H. Evans, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	Jas. Akin, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
W. R. Rison, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	R. D. Crittenden, <i>Marshal,</i>
Jas. Ellis, <i>Treasurer,</i>	J. White, }
P. J. Meighan, <i>Secretary,</i>	R. Gaylor, } <i>Stewards.</i>
	A. Siesbuttel, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Master:

Aaron D. Park, *S. G. W.*

MASTER MASONS:

Allen, L.	Graham, A. J.	Larkin, H.	Remington, O. F.
Arvidson, A. C.	Haas, G.	Mallory, E. Y. H.	Richardson, H. M.
Bowe, E. Y.	Hamm, S. F.	Meeks, E. E. L.	Shields, F. M.
Dickey, A. S.	Harkerson, C.	Moss, Jno.	White, S. H. P. — 31.
Ellen, E.	Huse, S. E.	McDaniel, C. M.	

FELLOW-CRAFTS:

Baker, H. J.	Carter, G. H.	Riley, W. C. — 3.
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WITHDRAWN:

Abrams, L.	Broocke, L. E.	Lobdell, W. H.	Ross, L.
Bowman, E. P.	Davison, J.	Peck, S. S.	Schmidt, N. — 9.
Bradley, L.			

EXPELLED:

Strelitz, Philip — 1.

Golden Gate Lodge, No. 30.**San Francisco, San Francisco County.***Stated Meetings, first Tuesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Lawrence C. Owen, *Wor. Master*,
 Geo. S. Hull, *Sen. Warden*,
 Henry J. Morton, *Jun. Warden*,
 Walter B. Cummings, *Treasurer*,
 Jas. C. George, *Secretary*,

S. B. Clark, *Sen. Deacon*,
 Jas. A. Wright, *Jun. Deacon*,
 Thos. Bigley, *Marshal*,
 John Madison,
 Caleb S. Hobbs, } *Stewards.*

Joel Noah, (of Occidental Lodge,) *Tyler*.**Past Masters:**

Wm. S. Moscs,

Geo. J. Hobe,

Lawrence C. Owen.

MASTER MASONS:

Abbott, W. A.	Everett, M. V. B.	Hunter, Jno.	Phelps, W. S.
Adrianson, F.	Fairley, Henry	Hutchinson, G. W.	Prag, Martin
Anderson, Andrew	Field, E. X.	Iverson, Neil	Reddish, T. J.
Anderson, Jas.	Flood, J. C.	Jackson, Oscar	Rehorn, Conrad
Baxter, C. G.	French, Arthur	Jolliffe, W. H.	Richardson, A. F.
Brower, A. B.	Gamage, Samuel	Keef, Jno.	Robertson, C. O.
Brown, W. T.	Garcia, J. L.	Kimball, T. A.	Sargent, S. F.
Buck, Roland	Giffin, O. F.	Kincaid, J. E.	Scott, A. F.
Burbank, David	Graves, H. T.	Kingston, H. A.	Smith, C. W.
Carroll, Martin	Graves, W. H.	Knipe, T. J.	Snook, Robert
Churchward, Jas.	Griffin, Wm.	Lewis, Richard	Tyler, T. P.
Clark, Chas.	Hacker, Edward	Marchovich, Jno.	Tyler, David
Cooke, W. B.	Hall, A. S.	May, John A.	Valentine, Jno.
Corno, Paul	Hall, G. B.	Maddleton, F.	VanNess, Henry
Cottrell, E. M.	Hamilton, R. A.	Miller, J. L.	VanPelt, Jno.
Craig, Peter	Hanley, G. W.	McCombe, Jno.	Vollers, Henry
Crocker, J. A.	Hays, Jas.	McGuigan, B.	Watt, S. F.
Curtis, C. C.	Healey, R. S.	McKibbin, Wm.	Webster, J. R.
Daverson, Geo.	Helmke, Gust.	Nightingale, Jno.	Wetherbee, C. H.
Dayley, Jas.	Hewitt, C. H.	O'Brien, W. S.	Whiteman, G. F.
Donnelan, B. C.	Hobe, A. A.	Park, J. C.	Wilbur, J. P.
Elman, Robert	Hogboom, L. V.	Phelps, A. E.	Worthley, T. R.—102.
Elliott, Henry	Horner, R. H.		

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Bon, Chas.	Godfrey, S. R.	Lewis, S. F.	Matheson, R.—6.
Galloway, Wm.	Johnson, J. F.		

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Alley, Ephraim	Collins, S. J.	Douglass, G. G.	Murray, T. J.
Bulger, Martin	Diggs, W. H.	Morton, F. K.	Neal, H.—9.
Cariton, Richard			

WITHDRAWN:

Andruss, Theo.	Leland, G. H.	Moody, W. H.	Westgate, J. B.—5.
Harford, E. C.			

Mokelumne Lodge, No. 31.**Mokelumne Hill, Calaveras County.***Stated Meetings, second Tuesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Jas. L. Wilkins, *Wor. Master*,
 D. L. Mulford, *Sen. Warden*,
 M. L. Cozine, *Jun. Warden*,
 Jos. Meyer, *Treasurer*,

E. J. Bacon, *Secretary*,
 B. Grable, *Sen. Deacon*,
 J. Maguire, *Jun. Deacon*,
 Jesse G. Miner, *Tyler*.

Past Master :

J. C. Reid.

MASTER MASONS :

Boucher, W. K.	Florence, S. C.	Jarvis, Smith	Raymond, G.
Clark, C. A.	Gebhardt, J. C.	Kraft, H.	Rowan, M.
Davidson, Louis	Grundy, C.	Leake, C. A.	Shuler, G. L.
Douglass, J. P.	Hamilton, W. B.	Manning, E. J.	Strauss, Abraham
Dreher, Jno.	Hodapp, Edward	McDowell, N. S.	Thompson, P.
Ellas, C. H.	Hurd, Sherman	Page, Lewis	Williams, B. H.
Ferguson, M. S.	Laues, Wm.	Parker, T. B.	Wintzmler, D.—37.

FELLOW CRAFTS :

Bache, Ferdinand	Hodges, Jno.	Ratz, Wm.	Woolscy, K. S.—4.
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ENTERED APPRENTICES :

Ayliff, S. H.	Gilly, J. P.	Maee, S. L.	Staples, D. J.
Badger, A.	Hanson, J.	Miller, D. W.	Van Pelt, J.
Buchanan, W. F.	Highly, Wm.	Morehouse, E.	Wade, T. B.
Gebhardt, Aug.	Hooper, H. R.	McKinzie, J. B.	Zuber, W. L.—16.

WITHDRAWN :

Palache, G.	Rosenfield, A.—2.
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EXPELLED.

Snyder, F.—1.

Gold Hill Lodge, No. 32.**Gold Hill, Placer County.***Stated Meetings, first Saturday in each month.***OFFICERS :**

J. B. Henderson, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	D. V. Mason, <i>Secretary,</i>
B. L. Heath, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	J. L. Carter, <i>Sen. Deacon.</i>
W. S. C. Woods, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	L. K. Honeycut, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
J. Holcomb, <i>Treasurer,</i>	J. A. Bond, <i>Marshal,</i>
	M. Waldren, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters :

Jas. E. Stewart,	W. W. Caperton,	J. F. Henderson.
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MASTER MASONS :

Adams, W. V.	Hendricks, A.	Marshall, J.	Sims, J. S.
Beck, Wm.	Hill, J. A.	Rainny, T. T.	Spann, J. W.
Cordillon, Wm.	Holder, J.	Roberts, W. E.	Starr, H. W.
D. lany, J.	Howell, P.	Rucker, J. W.	Sylvester, E.
Devany, W. R. K.	Mandel, E.	Rusing, E. S.	Trammel, T. J.—31.

FELLOW CRAFTS :

Eosquit, Jno.	Robinson, J. N.—2.
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ENTERED APPRENTICES :

Elain, Geo.	French, C. G. W.	McClure, Samuel	Reese, J. M. D.—4.
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WITHDRAWN :

Tooth, D. H.	Clark, C. P.	Miller, L. C.—3.
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STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES :

Allen, T. M. L.—1.

Ophir Lodge, No. 33.**Murphy's Camp, Calaveras County.***Stated Meetings, fourth Thursday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Wm. H. Barnes, *Wor. Master*,
 Louis Webber, *Sen. Warden*,
 Riley Senter, *Jun. Warden*,
 A. H. Putney, *Treasurer*.
 J. M. Montgomery, *Secretary*,
 Jas. McGowan, *Chaplain*,

Samuel Criswell, *Sen. Deacon*,
 W. C. Crispin, *Jun. Deacon*,
 W. R. Downing, *Marshal*,
 W. Harland, } *Stewards*,
 G. G. Baker. }
 Geo. Kline, *Tyler*.

Past Masters:

A. H. Putney,

J. W. Griswold,

W. H. Barnes.

MASTER MASONS:

Anderson, A. G.	Davis, Thomas	Jeffries, R. A.	Newton, S. J.
Angelopulo, H.	Doland, Peter	Jones, Wm.	Reany, McK.
Beach, G. H.	Emery, A. J.	Leonhard, Geo.	Safaelo, N.
Biggs, Dennis	Farrar, L.	Light, A. B.	Sinclair, J. B.
Biggs, N. B.	Green, N. W.	Meatz, Geo.	Smith, Wm.
Card, Nelson	Heinsdorff, J.	Myers, M. S.	Stuart, W. W.
Clary, W. H.	Hinkle, W. C.	McLean, H. R.	Taylor, Ira—42.
Davis, J. S. C.			

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Fidler, N. L.

Harris, Jos.—2.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Deer, Thos.

Traver, P. L.—2.

WITHDRAWN:

Booth, Jno.	Johnson, Chas.	Morris, W. R.	Smith, J. B.
Bryant, Wm.	Lapham, W. W.	Rogers, Henry	Stevens, S. B.
Christie, E.	Laventhal, H. H.	Russell, W. A.	Stiver, Jas.
Faxon, Fred.	Morland, D. C.	Shaffie, J. J.	Zively, J. A.—17.
Hinkle, W. W.			

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Harris, Joseph

Pulliam, W. W.—2.

Santa Clara Lodge, No. 34.**Santa Clara, Santa Clara County.***Stated Meetings, third Saturday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

H. J. Bradley, *Wor. Master*,
 L. Gardner, *Sen. Warden*,
 E. T. Starr, *Jun. Warden*,
 W. B. Stockton, *Treasurer*,
 D. W. Herrington, *Secretary*,

A. Jones Jackson, *Sen. Deacon*,
 Jno. Dickson, *Jun. Deacon*,
 H. Lillick, } *Stewards*,
 S. Weilheimer. }
 P. J. Davis, *Tyler*.

Past Masters:

Jno. Cook,

A. Jones Jackson,

H. J. Bradley,

MASTER MASONS:

Anderson, A. P.	Dale, Edward	Morgan, J. H.	Strasser, Augustus
Bayley, A. M.	Gallimore, Wesley	McCabe, P. T.	Strasser, L.
Boone, W. E.	Habick, Ferdinand	Riche, L. M.	Swinford, Geo.
Brock, E. E.	Joseph, B.	Rucker, W. T.	Vincent, Geo.
Caldwell, A. B.	Martin, J. P.	Senter, J. N.	Williams, Jas.—34.
Clayton, Chas.	Missing, H.	Shepherd, F. M.	

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Hardwicke, J. W.

Herring, J. H.

Roork, J. H.—3.

WITHDRAWN:

Brother, Henry

Clayton, J. A.

Miller, Jno.—3.

San Diego Lodge, No. 35.

San Diego, San Diego County.

*Stated Meetings, third Monday in each month.***OFFICERS:**D. B. Kurtz, *Wor. Master,*Thos. R. Darnall, *Secretary,*E. B. Pendleton, *Sen. Warden,*D. B. Hoffman, *Sen. Deacon,*M. Schiller, *Jun. Warden,*L. Gilbert, *Jun. Deacon,*J. Smith, *Treasurer,*W. C. Ferrell, *Tyler.***Past Masters:**

Philip Crosthwaite,

J. W. Robinson,

W. C. Ferrell.

MASTER MASONS:

Ames, J. J.

Goldman, S.

Lassator, J. R.

Sexton, M. M.

Bogert, A. L.

Hayes, J.

Manasse, H.

Tibbetts, G. P.

Bogert, J. C.

Hooper, G. F.

Reiner, Jos.

Treweeke, W. A.

Couts C. J.

Keating, J. P.

Rose, L.

Yeager, J. L. F.—28.

Fitzgerald, E. H.

Kendrick, J. J.

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Lyons, G.

Morse, E. W.—2.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Kutz, M.

Swycaffer, J.

Vanalst, J. J.—3.

Butte Lodge, No. 36.

Bidwell's Bar, Butte County.

*Stated Meetings, first Saturday in each month.***OFFICERS:**Henry Keefer, *Wor. Master,*R. T. VanNorden, *Secretary,*A. L. Chamberlain, *Sen. Warden.*A. J. Spaulding, *Sen. Deacon,*W. W. Hobart, *Jun. Warden,*G. W. Drake, *Jun. Deacon,*G. W. Hess, *Treasurer,*Gordon Scroiss, *Tyler.***Past Masters:**

Thos. Wells,

Geo. H. Crossette,

E. S. Ruggles.

MASTER MASONS:

Alsbaugh, J. H.

England, J. T.

Griffith, A. E.

Marx, Louis

Arthur, D. G.

Farnan, Jos.

Harris, P. H.

Reynolds, Horace

Bancroft, C. A.

Freer, Peter

Hoffstetter, J. G.

Saberfeldt, C. A.

Bidwell, Jno.

Gilkyson, J. W.

Lamp, Gardner

Smith, Levi

Bloch, Jos.

Gluckauf, Jos.

Mathews, Wm.

Stearnes, Minott

Callon, Thos.

Goodrich, O. O.

Martin, D. G.

Walsh, Michael—36.

Chapin, Miles

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Marshall, Wm.

Pielsticker, F. A.—2.

WITHDRAWN:

Wilson, Jno.

Witt, N. D.—2.

St. John's Lodge, No. 37.**Yreka, Siskiyou County.***Stated Meetings, first Saturday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Jos. Tyson, *Wor. Master*,
 Jos. Smith, *Sen. Warden*,
 M. C. White, *Jun. Warden*,
 C. Gross, *Treasurer*,

Jonathan Green, *Secretary*,
 G. W. Sleeper, *Sen. Deacon*,
 G. W. Jackson, *Jun. Deacon*,
 J. L. Cummins, *Tyler*.

Past Masters:

Jonathan Green,

Joseph Tyson.

MASTER MASONS:

Arnold, F. M.	Cutler, N. T.	Kelley, J.	Runkle, M. A.
Batterton, W. D.	Duff, John	Killbrew, Wm.	Shumway, G. W.
Bibend, C.	Dyer, J.	Lennox, J.	Stratton, R. B.
Cohar, S.	Flanagan, E.	Livingston, F.	Terry, Geo. T.
Colton, D. D.	George, A.	Millard, N. H.	Turner, J. D.
Connelly, J.	Isaacs, D.	Reid, H. M.	White, H. K.—33.
Creegan, J.			

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Horsley, F. C.

Ingram, Jos.

Lowry, D. H.—3.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Emerson, W. H.	Hollenback, D. S.	Morehead, J.	Pierce, J. B.
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WITHDRAWN:

Brown, J. W.	Drake, J. A.	Mason, B. F.	Slade, W. D.
Cummins, J. S.	Ferris, H. G.	Nickel, W. C.	Smith, J. P.
Crist, J.	Fox, W. J.	Pool, W. P.	Taylor, W. S. R.
Davidson, D. M.	Hickman, J.	Riker, H. H.	Thornberry, C. W.
Doud, D.	Judah, H. M.	Shores, Wm.	Tozer, C. W.
Dowthil, D. W.	Kitts, D. B.	Silverstein, S.	Tyler, G. W.—24.

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON PAYMENT OF DUES:

Cosby, J. D.	Fairechild, J. W.	Sambach, J. W.	Wasson, G. H.—6.
Dunn, J. W.	Ramsay, G. T.		

Santa Cruz Lodge, No. 38.**Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

B. T. Buckley, *Wor. Master*,
 J. T. J. Bennett, *Sen. Warden*,
 O. K. Stampely, *Jun. Warden*,
 C. Winterhelder, *Treasurer*,
 N. H. Stockton, *Secretary*,

A. W. Rawson, *Chaplain*,
 Samuel Drennan, *Senior Deacon*,
 J. B. Arcan, *Junior Deacon*,
 J. L. Prewitt, } *Stewards*,
 S. S. Green, }

J. C. Riley, *Tyler*.**Past Masters:**

N. H. Stockton,

H. W. Peck,

B. T. Buckley.

MASTER MASONS:

Brummett, Jas.	Dobbinbiss, Jno.	Frederick, J. L.	Kittridge, F. M.
Cannon, E. G.	Durham, E.	Gregory, D. S.	Sinclair, Prewett
Curtis, Jno.	Evans, G. W.	Hutchens, N.	Tracy, Peter
Dame, J. B.	Fleck, Jno.	Imas, H. A.	Tyus, J. B.—28.

FELLOW CRAFT:
McMorris, Jno.—1.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:
Moore, Thos. W.

Patterson, J. R.—3.

Hill, H. S.

WITHDRAWN:

Bell, Wm.
Blackburn, J. H.
Cathers, James
Davis, T. M.

Gagnon, M.
Godechaux, L.
Irwin, S. Q.
Kitchens, J. W.

Manasco, C.
Manasco, M. L.
Parsons, H. F.

Sanburn, L.
Sec. L. A.
Williams, E. L.—14.

DIED:
Hitchcock, Isaac—1.

Yuba Lodge, No. 39.

Mayaville, Yuba County.

Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Jos. De Bell, *Wor. Master*,
A. Sevey, *Sen. Warden*,
Thos. Seward, *Jun. Warden*,
Lew's Lewis, *Treasurer*,

Thos. H. Kernan, *Secretary*,
Samuel Cummins, *Sen. Deacon*,
Wm. C. Stokes, *Jun. Deacon*,
Fred. Schreiber, *Tyler*.

Past Masters:

A. Maurice, Jr.

J. T. Dickey,

J. N. Hinman.

MASTER MASONS:

Arner, Max
Belknap, F. G.
Bromberger, M. A.
Campbell, W. A.
Cripps, W. H.
Donovan, Thos.
Evans, O. M.
Everts, F. D.

Fairfax, C. S.
Ford, Chas.
Garst, E.
Gear, Geo.
Goodwin, J. D.
Hagan, E. H.
Keyser, P. W.
Levy, Chas.

Lichtenstein, S.
Logan, A. D.
Marcusa, M.
Mesick, R. S.
McDuffie, J. Y.
Orr, W. M.
Pearkes, F.
Potter, L. W.

Raish, Chas.
Taylor, J.
Tenchen, H.
Tuska, A.
Wagner, H.
Whitehill, J.
Wright, B. F.—42.

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Gaver, E. S.

Shultz, M.—2.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Davis, J. L.

Glasson, Louis

Jeffries, J. N.

WITHDRAWN:

Barman, J. S.
Cohen, Solomon

Larrison, Samuel
Mason, Caleb

Thomas, A. S.
Thompson, C. H.—6.

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Jackson, Elias—1.

DIED:
Amy, Jno. W.—1.

Sacramento Lodge, No. 40.

Sacramento, Sacramento County.

*Stated Meetings, first Friday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Wm. F. Knox, <i>Wor. Master.</i>	C. D. Hossack, <i>Secretary,</i>
Wm. W. Light, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	W. H. Hill, <i>Chaplain.</i>
D. Farquharson, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	J. S. Kaneen, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
A. Mayer, <i>Treasurer,</i>	A. Aitken, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
O. D. Chafee, (of Tehama Lodge,) <i>Tyler.</i>	

Past Masters:

J. L. English,	J. M. Koon,	J. H. Gass.
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MASTER MASONS:

Anthony, Jas.	Dexter, S. F.	Jacobs, H.	Montgomery, J. F.
Asher, A. B.	Edwards, P. L.	King, D.	Pearis, R. A.
Bories, H.	Ewing, J. P.	King, J.	Pearson, H. H.
Borneman, W. G.	Gardiner, T.	Kohlman, J.	Sherman, E. A.
Brown, J. Q.	Greenbaum, H.	Korminsky, H.	Shuck, J. L.
Cornwall, P. B.	Henry, W. P.	Miller, J. H.	Wilcoxon, J.—37.
Crench, B. F.	Heyman, A.	Millgate, T.	

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Spencer, D. C.	Riley, W. T.—2.
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WITHDRAWN:

Cole, G. M.	Farquharson, D.	Gridley, R. C.	Lester, W. M.—5.
Farquharson, C. D.			

Martinez Lodge, No. 41.

Martinez, Contra Costa County.

*Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.***OFFICERS.**

Thos. A. Brown, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	Jno. F. S. Smith, <i>Secretary,</i>
Leopold Lassar, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	C. Yager, <i>Chaplain,</i>
W. H. Buckley, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	Wm. K. Leavitt, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
Hiram Fogg, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Christian Hoffman, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
R. A. Madison, <i>Tyler.</i>	

Past Masters.

R. N. Wood, <i>P.J.G.W.</i>	Thos. A. Brown.
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MASTER MASONS:

Barkley, A. S.	Flippin, P. T.	Morgan, J. N.	Tennent, Jno.
Berreyesa, J. S.	Foster, F. B.	O'Brien, J. C.	Tucker, Jno.
Borden, R. E.	Hooper, W. A.	Pattison, Geo. J.	Thompson, J. H.
Bowen, N. S.	Kendrick, J. W.	Prince, T. B.	Thurn, Cipriano
Brown, Warren	Lane, J. W.	Small, Daniel	Weld, E. F.
Clark, G. R.	Lassar, E.	Strode, S. E.	Williams, J. F.—35.
Classan, H.	Mills, Hiram	Such, F. L.	

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Gibson, Jos.	Worth, Geo. F.—2.
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ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Caldwell, J. McU.	Penniman, A. C.—2.
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WITHDRAWN:

Mitchell, J. E.

McMahan, Thos.—2.

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Day, J. S.

Russell, Samuel.—2.

DIED:

Jones, William.—1.

EXPELLED:

Hook, William.—1.

Los Angeles Lodge, No. 42.

Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.

Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Jacob Elias, *Wor. Master.*H. N. Alexander, *Sen. Warden,*_____, *Jun. Warden,*J. L. Morris, *Treasurer,*H. S. Allanson, *Secretary,*S. Prager, *Sen. Deacon,*Wm. Potter, *Jun. Deacon,*Perry Switzer, *Tyler.*

Past Masters:

Louis Granger,

B. S. Eaton,

Thos. Foster.

MASTER MASONS:

Bishop, S. A.

Brent, J. L.

Carson, Geo.

Clark, A. H.

Dean, Peter

Fenner, S.

Foster, Timothy

Gass, O. D.

Gilchrist, Ira

Goldberg, H.

Goodman, M. L.

Hale, E. C.

Hamilton, Henry

Hartman, Isaac

Hodges, A. P.

Keller, M.

Laventhal, Elias

Marks, B.

Morris, Jas.

McFarland, J. P.

McLaughlin, H.

Newmark, Harris

Norton, Moses

Perry, W. H.

Portugal, Adolph

Raines, John

Rashard, J.

Rich, Jacob

Sansevain, Louis

Scott, J. R.

Shachno, Chas.

Smith, W. A.

Stanley, J. Q. A.

Stewart, J.

Vinsenhaller, L. D.

Waite, J. S.

Wilson, B. D.

Winston, J. B.—48.

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Meyer, Samuel

Shelley, Alfred

Sporr, J. W.

Wellergren, —4.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Brunuige, M.

Page, Thos. P.

Read, Jas.—3.

WITHDRAWN:

Downey, J. G.

Kalisher, Wolf

Levy, J. M.—3.

SUSPENDED:

Macey, Obed—1.

DIED:

Barton, J. R.—1.

Hiram Lodge, No. 43.

El Dorado, El Dorado County.

Stated Meetings, Monday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

Chas. Meredith, *Wor. Master,*Darwin Chase, *Sen. Warden,*Thos. A. Gault, *Jun. Warden.*Chas. P. Jackson, *Treasurer,*Geo. G. Blanchard, *Secretary.*Myer Cohn, *Sen. Deacon,*Emanuel Berg, *Jun. Deacon,*H. W. Mount, *Marshal,*W. K. Liverage, } *Stewards,*

H. M. Fiske, }

Jeremiah Nichols, *Tyler,*

Past Masters :

R. Hull,

O. B. Westcott.

MASTER MASONS :

Anabal, J. W.	Bean, Wm.	Losky, M.	Pavey, W. H.
Anderson, R. C.	Boyd, Chas.	Mason, F. S.	Price, Wm.
Anderson, Stephen	Cohn, A.	Maxey, J. B.	Reibsam, W. E.
Barlow, G. W.	Dexter, L.	Miller, J. H.	Wetherwax, J. M. B.
Bates, B. F.	Huber, Jno.	McCormick, Jas.	Wyatt, W. G.—36
Bean, Jno.	Leutnesky, V.	McIntyre, R. G.	

WITHDRAWN :Bamford, Wm.
Foster, Theron

McGee, P.

Simmons, J. E.

Summers, Wm.—5.

Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 44.**San Francisco, San Francisco County.***Stated Meetings, second Wednesday in each month.***OFFICERS :**

P. W. Shepheard, *Wor. Master*,
 Henry L. Davis, *Sen. Warden*,
 J. E. Terrell, *Jun. Warden*,
 W. Melvin Smith, *Treasurer*,
 Chas. T. Wilson, *Secretary*,
 S. W. Holladay, *Chaplain*,

Thos. J. Bass, *Sen. Deacon*,
 J. M. Martin, *Jun. Deacon*.
 Chas. E. Rand, *Marshal*.
 Caleb Cameron, } *Stewards*.
 S. M. Keifer, }
 J. Noah, (of Occidental Lodge,) *Tyler*.

Past Masters :

P. W. Shepheard,
 C. R. Saunders,
 B. D. Hyam, *P. G. M.*

E. A. Theller,
 H. G. Blaisdell,
 C. T. Wilson.

Jos. Shannon.
 Reuben Clark.

MASTER MASONS.

Abrahamson, P.	Carrick, J. W.	Gordon, Jas.	Martin, Wilmot
Abrams, J. C.	Charrington, W. H.	Hall, Milton, Jr.	Marx, Samuel
Ackley, Lyman	Clark, A. H.	Hawley, C. A.	May, Joseph
Alexander, J. D.	Cogliandolo, F.	Hedges, G. M.	Merrill, I. M.
Atwill, J. F.	Cohen, S. H.	Hickox, G. C.	Meyerfeld, Moses
Babcock, B. E.	Coker, Edw.	Higgins, G. E.	Michel, Aaron
Badger, W. G.	Corser, C. H.	Hollings, G. E.	Morganstein, M.
Batchelder, L. L.	Cowen, Philip	Hopkins, M.	MacCrellish, F.
Bee, A. W.	Cox, J. W.	Howard, Benj.	McKenzie, J. T.
Bennett, R. H.	Dahlman, Chas.	Humphreys, L.	Nagle, G. D.
Bergson, Ole	Darman, Jonas	Hutchings, U. P.	Nelson, G. H.
Berkle, L. H.	Davies, J. S.	Kaplan, Lewis	Newcomb, C. S.
Birch, Wm.	Davis, J. P.	Kenny, G. L.	Owens, P. A.
Blum, Chas.	Dean, E. S.	Kewen, E. J. C.	O'Bryon, Jer.
Bourn, J. B.	Dessau, J. H.	King, Minor	Prochold, Chas.
Brigham, A.	Devinney, Jos.	King, Richard	Raimond, R. E.
Brittain, J. W.	Eayrs, H. P.	Krahe, W. A.	Randolph, W. C.
Brooks, J. K.	Flint, Wilson	Kuchel, C.	Reichart, J. A.
Brooks, R. C.	Fobes, G. P.	Lawrie, J. A.	Robinson, T. P.
Brown, J. E.	Folk, Sol.	Lee, H.	Ruggles, J. E.
Burkhead, W. N.	Franz, Bernard	Lent, Silas	Sawyer, E. D.
Burrows, O. H.	Gardner, S. C.	Love, J. S.	Seoville, H. W.
Bush, David	Garrison, W. R.	Ludington, G. C.	Sherk, Louis
Campbell, A. C.	Gilman, M. M.	Lumbeck, S.	Silverthorn, W. H.
Canfield, J. C.	Godfrey, Wm.	Martin, G. T.	Smith, Leonidas

Sunder, Geo.	Tobias, A. S.	Wadhams, Wm.	Wiggins, C. L.
Swain, J. H.	Torrence, Jno.	Walton, Jno.	Willett, E. W.
Tewksbury, J. M.	Umber, Chas.	Wells, G. W.	Wright, A. S.—131.
Thurber, E. R.	Vollum, G. W.		

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Bills, H. C.	Doane, Chas.	Judah, C. D.	Sparrow, Thos.—6.
Benus, C. C.	Jones, L. D.		

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Barrow, Samuel,	Cole, N. W.	Moulton, Josiah	Upton, E. A.
Blake, G. W.	Dehon, T. M. J.	Radston, Jacob	White, Martin
Brady, J. B.	Gilbert, J. A.	Shepherd, J.	Woods, G. W.—15.
Chipman, C.	Leland, G. W.	Sullivan, J. W.	

WITHDRAWN:

Abrams, J. M.	Douglass, D. H.	Moses, Alfred	Phillips, Fitch
Clark, E. Z.	Gates, Geo.	Moses, B. F.	Ramsay, W. B.
Cohen, M.	George, Jas.	Olmstead, J. P.	Rambler, Francis
Collins, Nap.	Laudinor, Julius	Parker, G. F.	Smith, W. G.
Devoe, J. B.	Mayer, Simon	Phelps, E. R.	Tyler, O. B.—22.
Dorsey, S. P.	Mizner, L. B.		

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Coffee, G. W.	Lipman, Isaac	Steen, E. T.	Kendig, M. H. N.—5.
Graham, J. A.			

DIED:

Canney, Patrick.

Davidson, G. R.

Crescent Lodge, No. 45.

Crescent City, Del Norte County.

*Stated Meetings, Monday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

E. Mason, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	D. C. Lewis, <i>Secretary,</i>
J. G. Wall, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	B. Goldsmith, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
S. Hahn, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	Wm. Meyers, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
C. L. Knutle, <i>Treasurer,</i>	N. Tack, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters:

Edward Y. Naylor,

E. Mason.

MASTER MASONS:

Bell, P. W.	Gilmore, T. B.	Lord, J. A.	Peveler, P. H.
Butler, A. J.	Hart, H. M.	Mann, J. F.	Pierce, S. Z.
Church, S. T.	Holton, D. S.	McComb, D. W.	Smith, W. D. L. F.
Fletcher, E. P.	Jackson, T. A.	Nordheimer, B.	Statelers, J. W.—27.
Gilkey, L. B.	Lawton, G. T.		

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Friedman, H.	Morford, R. B.	McDonald, W.	Watkins, L. D.—6.
Hoover, D.	Murphy P.		

WITHDRAWN:

Bloch, A. J.	Morey, N. E.	Regan, Wm.	St. John, H. W.
Fullerton, W. G.	Olds, R. P.	Strawbridge, J.	Westcott, E. G.—9.
Hale, Jas. R.			

SUSPENDED:

Hale, Jno. Rix—1.

DIED:

Grubler, S. H.—1.

Texas Lodge, N. 46.**San Juan, Monterey County.***Stated Meetings, second Saturday in each month.***OFFICERS :**

W. B. L. Clark, <i>Wor. Master.</i>	J. P. Lane, <i>Secretary.</i>
J. C. Gasten, <i>Sen. Warden.</i>	J. S. Black, <i>Sen. Deacon.</i>
L. Strode, <i>Jun. Warden.</i>	O. P. McFadden, <i>Junior Deacon.</i>
J. T. Clark, <i>Treasurer.</i>	J. A. Webb, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters :

W. B. L. Clark.	J. T. Cox.
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MASTER MASONS :

Ashley, D. R.	Chism, J. V.	Joice, W. W.	Page, Jno.
Birton, J.	Fulgham, G. F.	Jordan, F.	Stone, M.
Bennett, W. C.	Hill, J.	Lindsey, J. J.	Story, E. F.
Butterfield, J.	Hubbard, W. G.	Matthews, R. L.	Turner, J. H.
Campbell, J. L.	Hunt, J.	Mylor, I.	Williams, E. L.—32.
Chism, J. E.	Johnson, J. S.	Norris, J. A.	

ENTERED APPRENTICES :

Abley, A.	Bennett, G. G.	Bryant, B.	Head, S. C.—7.
Bain, W.	Bolad, J.	Day, T. W.	

WITHDRAWN :

Gleeksman, J.—1.

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

Bricknell, H. F.—1.

Michigan City Lodge, No. 47.**Michigan City, Placer County.***Stated Meetings, Thursday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS :**

Chas. A. Low, <i>Wor. Master.</i>	E. H. Loyd, <i>Sen. Deacon.</i>
E. H. Bartlett, <i>Sen. Warden.</i>	J. W. Bird, <i>Jun. Deacon.</i>
Cyrus Watkins, <i>Jun. Warden.</i>	D. L. Whiting, <i>Marshal.</i>
Robert Berland, <i>Treasurer.</i>	A. A. Mason, { <i>Stewards.</i>
C. C. Reid, <i>Secretary.</i>	David Taggart, }
Benjamin White, <i>Tyler.</i>	

Past Master :

B. Bonnett,

MASTER MASONS :

Adams, J. Q.	Eddington, A. M.	Noble, F. E.	Smith, W. G.
Baker, J. H.	Falkner, Zach.	Passmore, W. H.	Steivart, J. R.
Bell, J. N.	Halligan, D. M.	Peck, C. M.	Stoner, Philip
Berry, Jos.	Hancock, J. H.	Poole, H. W.	Swan, C. J.
Blake, C. T.	Jones, E. R.	Reinstein, S.	Thomas, W. M.
Butler, P. D.	Levin, Jacob	Shaw, Philo	Tyler, Edwin
Cooley, J. B.	Lytle, Thompson	Shawl, Mark	Weis, Jacob
Darling, E. T.	McCormick, J. D.	Shepherd, R. D.	Whyte, M. M.—46.
Drurey, J. W.	McCulloch, G. K.		

FELLOW CRAFT :

McCollum, N.—1.

ENTERED APPRENTICE:

Bates, E.—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Buckley, B. T.	Kloppenber, D. W.	Taylor, Samuel	Webster, G. G.
Johnson, D.	McCollum, J. S.	Todd, L. M.	Wixon, W. W.—8.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 49.

San Francisco, San Francisco County.

*Stated Meetings, fourth Thursday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Louis Cohn, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	Henry Adler, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
Fred. A. Benjamin, <i>Sen. Warden.</i>	H. Weil, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
Henry J. Labatt, <i>Jun. Warden.</i>	M. Pecare, <i>Marshal,</i>
Morris Elgutter, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Samuel Mayer, { <i>Stewards,</i>
Bernhard Simon, <i>Secretary,</i>	D. Abrams, }
Joel Noah, (of Occidental Lodge,) <i>Tyler.</i>	

Past Masters:

Jno. F. Damon,

Jacob Mayer.

MASTER MASONS:

Barrett, S.	Fulda, R.	Lowenstein, J.	Steinhart, Wm.
Bloomington, E.	Garwood, J. S.	Manna, S.	Steppacher, M.
Brandt, B. L.	Godchaux, L.	Marçall, J.	Sutro, G.
Breslauer, H.	Goldsmith, L.	Mentel, Wm.	Tichnor, L.
Caro, W.	Greenberg, L.	Meyers, M.	Trapet, R.
Carter, R. W.	Guttee, Isodore	Oppenheim, M.	Triest, B.
Cohen, F. J.	Henriquez, —	Pearce, R. R.	Uhlfelder, S.
Cohn, L. M.	Hotchin, Tom.	Rosenfield, A.	Van Vleck, A.
Cohn, Solomon	Hunter, W. T.	Rosenstock, S. W.	Walley, D.
Coleman, E.	Jacoby, W.	Rosing, E. L.	Weiller, L.
Cook, Chas.	Just, H.	Scheier, G.	Willis, Edward
Craner, S.	Levy, S.	Sichel, M.	Wolf, A.
Duxbury, P. C.	Lewis, Fred.	Smiley, G. W.	Wolf, B.
Fisher, B.	Lewis, H. M.	Solomons, S.	Zeile, Jno.—70.
Frankenthal, M.	Livingston, M.		

FELLOW CRAFT:

Torres, E.—1.

ENTERED APPRENTICE:

Wallis, J. S.—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Benjamin, J.	Hecht, A.	Label, A.	Simon, S. L.
Dittelbach, J.	Jacobs, M. J.	Ottenheimer, A.	Steinhart, S.—10.
Griesman, J.	Jacobson, S.		

Forbestown Lodge, No. 50.

Forbestown, Butte County.

*Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

H. W. Brown, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	_____, <i>Secretary,</i>
N. D. Plum, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	R. C. Gaskill, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
David McKee, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	Louis Blumfield, <i>Jun. Deacon.</i>
Samuel T. Bowers, <i>Treasurer.</i>	C. O. Foote, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters:

A. G. Simpson,

H. W. Brown.

MASTER MASONS:

Abney, Jas.	Jordan, W. H.	Saucet, Henry	Watson, J. A.
Callaghan, Samuel	Kring, J. N. B.	Sharp, J. H.	Whealdon, J.
Dorland, T. J.	Lillard, J. H.	Sparks, E. B.	Wilson, H. W.
Grunsell, Andrew	McMillan, Jas.	Sutherland, Jno.	Wilson, M. W.
Harris, J.	Pautin, W. L.	Thrasher, J. T.	Winkled, Aug.—30.
Hillman, Geo.	Rountree, J.		

FELLOW CRAFT:

Guthrie, J. P.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Foley, W.

Panghorn, J. P.—2.

WITHDRAWN:

Blake, L. L.	Fitzgerald, Jos.	Thomas, J. R.	Walker, Albert—7.
Feller, Elias	Hanneway, W. W.	Thompson, Alfred	

Illinoistown Lodge, No. 51.**Illinoistown, Placer County.***Stated Meetings, first Saturday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Jehoiakim Jones, *Wor. Master*,
 Wm. M. Stuart, *Sen. Warden*,
 J. D. Hilton, *Jun. Warden*,
 E. J. Brickell, *Treasurer*,

Geo. W. Applegate, *Secretary*,
 A. L. Hodge, *Sen. Deacon*,
 L. D. Brown, *Jun. Deacon*,
 Jno. Y. Wynn, *Tyler*.

Past Masters:

Jehoiakim Jones,

Geo. W. Applegate.

MASTER MASONS:

Baldwin, J. W.	Campbell, W. B.	Fish, Franklin	Quin, A. V.
Banks, E. L.	Carter, Jackson	Hammond, L. G.	Quirk, Wm.
Bigham, Joshua	Cate, J. K.	Himes, W. A.	Rice, Chas.
Bradley, E. L.	Cheesbro, A.	Moore, B. F.	Sherman, A. L.
Brickell, B.	Cook, J. W.	McNalley, Jno.	Smith, R. A.—29.
Burge, Jas. T.			

WITHDRAWN:

Armstrong, Jos.	Milliken, J.	Thornton, M. O.	Williams, H.—4.
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Rough and Ready Lodge, No. 52.**Rough and Ready, Nevada County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

J. K. Smith, *Wor. Master*,
 J. E. Congleton, *Sen. Warden*,
 E. W. Roberts, *Jun. Warden*,
 C. Beckman, *Treasurer*,
 Wm. Coombe, *Secretary*,
 D. E. Harper, *Chaplain*.

Geo. W. Weaver, *Sen. Deacon*,
 A. C. Congleton, *Jun. Deacon*,
 Jos. Heritage, *Marshal*,
 E. Robbins, } *Stewards*,
 S. P. French, }
 M. Merrill, *Tyler*.

Past Master :

A. C. Kean.

MASTER MASONS :

Bernadotte, E. J.	Hamlin, G. A.	Melborne, H. C.	Smith, J. L. P.
Boyce, W. P.	Hoffman, H.	Montgomery, Jno.	Stewart, A.
Clark, N. W.	Inskip, W. S.	Moose, J. L.	Taylor, C. O.
Coffee, W. R.	Jackson, S. P.	McAllis, Jno.	Van Hagan, J. B.
Davis, W.	King, Geo.	Nathans, B.	Washburn, W. D.
Ebright, J. H.	Lowenthal, L.	Owens, Jas.	Young, P. R.—40.
Gilham, S. M.	Marsh, P. P.	Schardin, H.	

FELLOW-CRAFT :

Scott, W. C.—1.

ENTERED APPRENTICES :

Lund, L. W.	Murphy, Jno.	Walling, L.—3.
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WITHDRAWN :

Ashburn, H. A.	Black, J. M.	Gambrel, R. T.	Sheldon, H. A.
Ault, W. C.	Boyers, J.	McCracken, J.	Smith, G. T.
Beedle, Jno.	Buchanan, W. H.	Newton, W. L.	Taylor, Wm.—14.
Bell, V. G.	Findley, Thos.		

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

Cooper, J. E.	Smock, H.—2.
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St. James Lodge, No. 54.**Jamestown, Tuolumne County.***Stated Meetings, second Saturday in each month.***OFFICERS :**

Wm. D. Newton, <i>Wor. Master.</i>	Edward Parks, <i>Secretary,</i>
Everard Sharrock, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	Jas. W. Claiborne, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
Isaac N. Quin, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	Peter Grogan, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
Benj. Randall, <i>Treasurer,</i>	G. B. Nyman, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters :

John J. Willis,	Jas. W. Claiborne.
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MASTER MASONS :

Baxter, L. T.	Fleming, J. W.	Maltbie, J. B.	Scott, C. L.
Beretti, Wm.	Hildreth, Thos.	Myers, Jno.	Spencer, J. C.
Bettis, O. J.	Howard, J. A.	Nye, A. R.	Stonecipher, P.
Brunton, T. C.	Joseph, G.	Pareira, John	Turk, J. H.
Donnels, Thos.	Keith, A. J.	Pope, W. A.	Willis, T. N.
Dunphy, Wm.	Lea, J. C.	Servio, Francis	Wing, Stephen—35.
Emanuel, Henry	Leland, G. A.		

FELLOW CRAFTS :

Myers, M.	Pope, E. H.	Simmons, F. H.—3.
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ENTERED APPRENTICES :

Ackerman, J.	Paine, W.	Tribou, G. F.	Rogers, E. A.—6.
Lake, G. P.	Parson's, Jas.		

WITHDRAWN :

Hopkins, J. L.	Peacock, Jas.	Stimpson, Chas.	Woodworth, B.—7.
Lander, N.	Sharrock, G. W.	White, Cyrus	

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES :

Danziger, H.	Gibbons, T. G.	Ledbetter, J. W.	Wolf, Casper—4.
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Suisun Lodge, No. 55.**Suisun, Solano County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

Chas. Maul, *Wor. Master*,
 A. P. Jackson, *Sen. Warden*,
 S. S. Smith, *Jun. Warden*,
 J. B. Lemon, *Treasurer*,

Jno. M. Jones, *Secretary*,
 G. W. Hayes, *Sen. Deacon*,
 D. D. Reeves, *Jun. Deacon*,
 R. Hayes, *Tyler*.

Past Master:

Nathan Cutler.

MASTER MASONS:

Brown, W. B.	Cutler, Jacob	Keeny, J. M.	Palmer, Philip
Brown, W. C.	Gardner, G. G.	Long, Jno.	Rice, H. B.
Carberry, Aaron	Gessner, Wm.	Longmire, Jos.	Robinson, Jno.
Carberry, J. J.	Hull, G. W.	Mauka, C.	Rush, Hiram
Clayton, P. O.	Jackson, F. L.	Owen, J. W.	Russell, Henry—29.

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Aldridge, Frank

Cord, G. W.

Thomas, Benj.—3.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Hall, C. W.

Williams, J.—2.

WITHDRAWN:

Maupin, Sidney—1.

Volcano Lodge, No. 56.**Volcano, Amador County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

W. Ayer, *Wor. Master*,
 J. W. Baldwin, *Sen. Warden*,
 A. L. Land, *Jun. Warden*,
 A. Theurkauf, *Treasurer*.

E. Drey, *Secretary*,
 Robert, Stewart, *Sen. Deacon*,
 Stephen H. Hunt, *Jun. Deacon*,
 F. Reichling, *Tyler*.

Past Masters:

P. Orton,

G. R. Walker.

MASTER MASONS:

Aram, John,	Henry, E. F.	Munckton, Geo.	Swanger, S.
Armstrong, D.	Hubbard, C. T.	McKee, Amos	Tebbs, Moses
Bell, S. A.	Hudson, W.	Page, J. D.	Tullock, Jas.
Briggs, S. G.	Isaacs, R.	Payne, W. B.	Turner, S. T.
Champion, T. S.	Johnson, A.	Pendleton, J. C.	Vance, R.
Clark, Isaac	Johnson, T.	Reed, W. D.	Welch, J. N.
Clements, David	Kelly, L. C. M.	Ross, A.	Wertz, G.
Donglass, M. A.	Latham, O.	Shacklett, G. W.	White, Jno.
Foster, T. A.	Logan, P. F.	Stewart, Thomas	Williams, J. P.—43.
Griswold, T. N.	Milligan, T.		

FELLOW-CRAFT:

Foster, Jno.—1.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Burdon, B.
 Christian, R.

Cool, P. Y.
 Goff, E.

Goldsworthy, Jas.
 Harden, A. L.

Low, A. H.
 Spingger, T. A.—8.

WITHDRAWN:

Bailey, Melvin
 Bamborger, J. M.

Cornelius, W.
 Frame, H. T.

Grey, W. E.
 Lingrel, T. H.

Otten, D.
 Pease, L.—8.

Santa Rosa Lodge, No. 57.**Santa Rosa, Sonoma County.***Stated Meetings, Friday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

Jno. G. Huff, *Wor. Master*,
 Wm. M. Holmes, *Sen. Warden*,
 J. F. Patrick, *Jun. Warden*,
 A. C. Bledsoe, *Treasurer*,

Fennick Fisher, *Secretary*,
 J. S. Ormsby, *Sen. Deacon*,
 H. P. Larrabee, *Jun. Deacon*,
 W. H. Moore, *Tyler*.

Past Masters:

A. Richardson. E. D. Harris, E. Fisher, Jos. H. Griggs.

MASTER MASONS:

Barnes, E. H.	Fulkerson, R.	Kennedy, J. P.	McPeak, M.
Belden, J. W. C.	Hartman, J. W.	Laughland, J. M.	Noell, W. H.
Blair, Thos. N.	Hendley, Jno.	Lockley, E. B.	Nuckolls, N.
Brown, Jno.	Hereford, W. A.	Matthews, C. W.	Reynolds, J. A.
Calhoun, J. W.	Holmes, Calvin	Morehouse, J. C.	Sanders, G. P.
Campbell, J. A.	Howe, H.	Myze, M.	Smith, I. P.
Carrillo, Julio	Ingram, Jno.	McDonald, D.	Thompson, J. D.
Carson, Lindsay	Jones, J. T.	McManus, J. G.	West, Samuel—45.
Cash, Job			

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Dooley, E. M. Henderson, M.—2.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Cook, J. G. Tife, A. Lambert, H. F. Lovegrove, C. D. P.—4.

WITHDRAWN:

Clark, J. P. Ellis, J. J. Prewitt, Jas.—3.

Union Lodge, No. 58.**Sacramento, Sacramento County.***Stated Meetings, second Thursday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Levi Keller, *Wor. Master*,
 Richard Dale, *Sen. Warden*,
 Harris Davis, *Jun. Warden*,
 Markus Kohn, *Treasurer*,

T. Steudeman, *Secretary*,
 Moritz Kalmuch, *Sen. Deacon*,
 Moses Goldstein, *Jun. Deacon*,
 _____, *Tyler*.

Past Masters:

J. H. Ralston. G. Haines. Jesse Morrill.

MASTER MASONS:

Alexander, Jas.	Flohr, Andrew	Koppikus, A.	McMahon, P.
Berwin, Lewis	Fredericks, Jos.	Lehman, L.	Steinfurth, Henry
Bucki, Lewis	Galland, A.	Lewis, Lewis	Thompson, W. A.
Clapp, C. C.	Horan, Thos.	Loryea, Jos.	Weinrich, Henry
Fitzpatrick, J.	Jackson, J. W.	Lyons, Julius	Wormser, I.—30.

FELLOW CRAFT:

Conklin, M. J.—1.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Calmack, M. Lohenstein, Lewis Meserve, Theo.

WITHDRAWN:

Einstein, Moritz	Kohn, Morris	Oppenheim, L.	Thiele, H. G.
Hutchinson, F.	Mandlebaum, F.	Oppenheim, S.	Watters, A.—9.
Jacobs, Wolff			

SUSPENDED:

Harris, Jos.

Gravel Range Lodge, No. 59.

Camptonville, Yuba County.

*Stated Meetings, Monday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

Wm. G. Lockwood, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	P. L. Washburn, <i>Secretary,</i>
P. McNulty, <i>Sen. Warden.</i>	Jno. G. McClellan, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
Chas. O'Hara <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	Jno. C. Terrell, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
W. Stevenson, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Geo. Myers, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters:

J. R. Vance,

Wm. Elwell.

MASTER MASONS:

Allis, W. W.	Crawford, I.	Kendall, Alex.	Stevenson, W.
Beaman, J. H.	Dorsey, Stephen	Kine, L. F.	Twigg, C. A.
Bowlby, S. J.	Dunn, J. A.	Leventhall, H.	Variel, J. H.
Bradford, J.	Everett, H. S.	Morgan, L. E.	Webber, R. N.
Brown, J. P.	Files, J.	Morgan, L. R.	Williams, J. H.
Buckley, P. H.	Gillespie, J. M.	McMurry, V. C.	Woods, W. T.
Buster, Hiram	Gillfillin, Alex.	Somerville, Jos.	Wooster, D.
Cavin, J. B.	Hicks, W. J.	Sterett, J. W.	Young, N. G.—42.

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Jones, T. L.

Moody, J. W.

Smith, W. F.—3.

ENTERED APPRENTICE:

Hubbs, J. C.—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Burris, Matthew,	McCormick, T. J.	Porter, J. R.	Zimmerman, P.—7.
Fike, Nathan	Nuckols, J. P.	Shuler, Wm.	

Plumas Lodge, No. 60.

Quincy, Plumas County.

*Stated Meetings, third Saturday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Thos. E. Hayden, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	A. D. McDonald, <i>Secretary,</i>
P. O. Hundley, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	— Patton, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
J. H. Whitlock, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	J. H. Houck, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
D. J. Wilmans, <i>Treasurer,</i>	A. S. Titus, <i>Tyler.</i>

MASTER MASONS:

Bancroft, S. H.	Bass, S. D.	Burton, L. M.	Clark, N.
Bass, J. M.	Boyd, Jas.	Byers, J. D.	Cross, L.
Bass, R.	Bradbury, A.	Calkins, S.	Dean, W. S.

Dickinson, J.	Jarret, J. H.	Pierce, E. H.	Smith, R. D.
Dillinger, Geo.	Kaulback, C.	Ray, J. F.	Taylor, Jos.
Gholson, W. M.	Kingsbury, W. C.	Root, J. S.	Taylor, P.
Gilkey, W. L.	Lawrence, J.	Russell, H. P.	Vaughan, J. S.
Gloyd, D. J.	Lovejoy, J. K.	Shannon, T. B.	Ward, J. S.
Hargrave, A.	Mumford, James	Sharp, Jas.	Ward, T. E.—45.
Harper, B. M.			

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Davis, E. J.

Ives, L.

Simmons, J. W.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Bradley, J. M.
Bullard, L. J.
Davis, J. H.

Doran, W. M.
Jacks, Richard

Platt, M.
Smith, Morris

Sterling, E. C.
True, T. J.—9.

WITHDRAWN:

Barnet, R. J.
Buckbee, J. R.

Given, W. M.
Harbison, J.

Watts, J. C.

Zimmerman, J.—6.

Live Oak Lodge, No. 61.

Oakland, Alameda County.

Stated Meetings, first Friday in each month.

OFFICERS:

S. B. McKee, *Wor. Master*,
S. H. Robinson, *Sen. Warden*,
Marvel Parker, *Jun. Warden*,
J. P. M. Davis, *Treasurer*,

J. E. Whitchee, *Secretary*,
F. Warner, *Sen. Deacon*,
Geo. M. Blake, *Jun. Deacon*,
P. Hays, *Tyler*.

Past Masters:

I. E. Paddock,

H. A. Higley,

M. Fallon.

MASTER MASONS:

Bell, S. B.
Evans, C. W.
Huerstel, Lawrence

Jones, B. L.
Kellersberger, J.
Lacey, D. S.

McDevitt, A. D.
Scott, Jno.

Shattuck, F. K.
Yard, G. M.—21.

FELLOW CRAFT:

Stratton, Jas. T.—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Beal, S.
Black, Joseph

Edmondson, P. E.
Evans, Morris

Lengfeldt, Louis

Richards, W.—6.

DIED:

Spicer, H. C.—1.

George Washington Lodge, No. 62.

Chinese, Tuolumne County.

Stated Meetings, Saturday next succeeding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

S. M. Buck, *Wor. Master*,
Thos. Cutler, *Sen. Warden*,
T. F. Powers, *Jun. Warden*,
T. B. Dorsey, *Treasurer*,
M. R. Graham, *Secretary*,

H. E. Lea, *Sen. Deacon*,
Charles Rice, *Jun. Deacon*,
Wm. Raymond, *Marshal*,
Jno. Taylor, }
H. Garrett, } *Stewards*.

I. C. Peacock, *Tyler*.

Past Masters:

J. B. Smith,

M. R. Graham.

MASTER MASONS:

Adams, J. W.	Cooper, Chas.	Mollyneaux, R.	Taggett, J.
Adams, P. H.	Lewis, W. T.	Shreves, G. W.	Tannehill, J.
Bossert, Peter	Machin, T. N.	Sprague, Jos.	Walker, Wm.—24.

FELLOW-CRAFT:

Boot, J.—1.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Bookshier, J. B.	Friedman, A.	Love, R. K.	McCullough, M.—6.
Cohen, Jos.	Klaske, M.		

WITHDRAWN:

Graham, J. W.

Moore, L. C.

Iowa Hill Lodge, No. 63.**Iowa Hill, Placer County.***Stated Meetings, Wednesday next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

Geo. Johnston, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	Jas. W. Johnston, <i>Secretary,</i>
W. D. Lawrence, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	D. M. Ford, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
Geo. L. Hamlin, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	L. M. Henry, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
Squire Powell, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Jas. Swartwout, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters:

Geo. Johnston,

H. W. Roberts.

MASTER MASONS:

Alexander, E.	Hillier, C. H.	Montgomery, Thos.	Smith, S. W.
Arnold, O. P.	Housel, W. A.	Morrison, R.	Striker, Jno.
Collins, J. B.	Johns, T. M.	McCulloch, A.	Trim, R. M.
Esmond, W. J.	Lackey, W. A.	O'Neil, Jas.	Vanderlip, Ed.
Hall, G. W.	Ladd, H. C.	Parke, F. A.	Waterman, Philip
Hatch, G. T.	Ladd, Theo.	Scott, W. A.	Warden, L. M.—36.
Hill, J. T.	Manse, F. C. R.	Sheridan, G. M.	

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Coleman, Ed.	Coleman, J. C.	Cook, R. M.	King, Chas.	Rudolph, G.—5.
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ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Edward, P. J.	Knuland, Jno.	Murphey, B.	Stewart, D. K.
Grant, H.	Levings, A. K.	Riley, Michael	Tubbs, M. B.—9.
Kidd, A. K.			

WITHDRAWN:

Brown, Wm.	Davis, Abraham,	Gardner, M. S.	Tishler, S.—4.
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EXPELLED.

Allan, D. N.—1.

Natoma Lodge, No. 64.**Mormon Island, Sacramento County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

Alfred Spinks, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	S. G. Elliott, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
Leman Bates, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	David Waldenburg, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
Marcus A. Sawtelle, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	E. Rulison,
H. N. H. Brown, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Richard Richard, } <i>Stewards.</i>
E. Greenwood, <i>Secretary,</i>	Samuel Hardesty, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters :

M. Wallace,

Alfred Spinks.

MASTER MASONS:

Berry, J. H.	Curran, Hugh	Logan, Samuel	Rouse, J. W.
Bogan, C. S.	Fink, J. A.	Napier, G. L.	Sheldon, W. W.
Clark, Isaac	Frauchere, E.	Robinson, J. S. S.	Swart, J. A.—25.
Corey, G. W.	Hatch, Moses		

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Gragg, R. F.	Orr, Jno.	Osborne, C. E.	Ott, Jno.—4.
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ENTERED APPRENTICES :

Allen, Robert	Cox, G. M.	Elwer, G. A.	Richards, Albert
Brown, Wm.	Dennison, J. W.	Quigley, B. C.	Walker, Wm.—9.
Colwell, Augustus			

WITHDRAWN:

Avery, B. P.	Campbell, D. M. K.	Ellis, Perry	Spencer, W. K. —7.
Burns, Thos.	Carr, A. O.	Livingston, Henry	

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Holcomb, H. A.—1.

Amador Lodge, No. 65.**Jackson, Amador County.***Stated Meetings, first Tuesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Ja. E. Graham, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	O. D. Auelin, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
_____, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	M. Levinsky, <i>Jun. Deacon.</i>
W. S. Cooledge, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	E. B. Harris, <i>Marshal,</i>
C. Stickler, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Jno. Levinsky, } <i>Stewards,</i>
D. Heming, <i>Secretary,</i>	M. Brummel, }
J. R. Brown, <i>Tyler.</i>	

Past Masters:

W. W. Cope,

Jas. E. Graham.

MASTER MASONS:

Arata, A.	Farmer, S. M.	Levy Samuel	Sharp, W.
Beach, D.	Hubbard, J. F.	Little, M. J.	Short, Jas.
Benas, Benj.	Husband, Bruce	Moretto, E. G.	Zeh, Geo.—25.
Cooledge, J. B.	Kenner, W. W.		

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Bryant, Jas.

Freeman, G. E.—2.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Bummbe, Jos.

Effner, J.

Hickey, J.—3.

WITHDRAWN:

Best, Valentine	Brown, G. W.	Davidson, J. D.	Pollard, S. J.—7.
Bradbury, J. M.	Crandall, Dwight	Hayward, A.	

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

Boynton, Chas.	Clark, Philo	Gibbons, J. T.	Rogers, W. M.—4.
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EXPELLED:

Tiehl, Jacob—1.

Forest Lodge, No. 66.**Forest City, Sierra County.***Stated Meetings, Wednesday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

Jno. Kirkpatrick, *Wor. Master*,
 W. M. Flemming, *Sen. Warden*,
 Geo. W. Hopkins, *Jun. Warden*,
 E. Livingston, *Treasurer*,

V. J. Van Doren, *Secretary*,
 Jas. Gavenly, *Sen. Deacon*,
 Jno. Baldwin, *Jun. Deacon*,
 Chas. Houghtelling, *Tyler*.

Past Masters.John B. Bope, *J.G.W.*

M. R. Evans.

MASTER MASONS:

Allibaugh, Jas.	Gatewood, T.	Mitchell, Jno.	Stillwell, G. W.
Ames, A. L.	Goldsworthy, Wm.	Patchin, C. H.	Strauss, E. D.
Bateman, J. C.	Hammond, Samuel	Perkins, Geo.	Swift, S.
Bonham, Perry	Harris, A. P.	Perry, S. M.	Theall, H. W.
Cowden, J. A.	Henning, J. S.	Pratt, W. P.	Tyrrill, D. M.
Davidson, W. H.	Hepperly, G. W.	Read, T. A.	Van Vrankin, D.
Dunlap, R. R.	Johnson, M. R.	Said, E.	Waterman, T. A.
Eddy, S. R.	Jones, Chas.	Scott, W.	Winston, T.
Everheart, G.	Kleoker, F. B.	Shaffer, P. C.	Winters, J. D.
Fleishacker, A.	Lohman, Peter	Shaw, F. A.	Winters, Theo.
Foote, L.	Lyons, S. M.	Shaw, Geo.	Young, J. C.—57.
Fox, Anthony	Mauldin, P. A.	Smith, J. E.	

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Garretson, J. R.	Lohman, Jno.	Reeser, J. R.	Shaw, J. S.—7.
Kokernour, Jno.	Reed, Jas.	Robertson, J. R.	

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Bryden, W. M.	Lutz, Jacob	McLain, B. F.	Quackenbush, C. L.
Jordan, G. M.			—5.

WITHDRAWN:

Anderson, Jno.	Lohman, H. J.	Miller, G. H.	Waldauer, J.—4.
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Minnesota Lodge, No. 67.**Minnesota, Sierra County.***Stated Meetings, Monday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

J. S. Blackwell, *Wor. Master*,
 A. Whelan, *Sen. Warden*,
 J. A. Tyree, *Jun. Warden*,
 H. McNulty, *Treasurer*,
 L. Goodwin, *Secretary*,

C. H. Fish, *Sen. Deacon*,
 L. Williams, *Jun. Deacon*,
 F. McGeen, } *Stewards*.
 Wm. Slinger, }
 Jos. Blackburn, *Tyler*.

Past Masters:

P. W. Coppers,

J. S. Blackwell.

MASTER MASONS:

Anderson, J.	Cooper, J. E.	Harkness, T. C.	Olmstead, S. H.
Bandy, J.	Crafts, S. S.	Herriman, M. S.	Oren, J. E.
Burmister, F.	Don Levy, P. C.	Irwin, L.	Paulsen, F.
Commisky, P.	Ferguson, W. T.	Maes, C. H.	Rapp, Peter
Conrad, J.	Goldsworthy, Jas.	Myers, C. F.	Taylor, J. M.
Conway, Jas.	Hanchett, L. J.	McCraney, Wm.	VanDecar, E. H.—35.

ENTERED APPRENTICES :

Davis, Benj.	Miller, C.	Stilck, F. W.	Tague, Henry—5.
Edwards, R.			

WITHDRAWN :

Bottomley, Geo.	Gaston, H. A.	Hopkins, G. W.	Maulden, P. A.
Davidson, S. B.	Greenman, H.	Lyon, Samuel	Waldauer, Julius
Dill, Jno.	Halburg, P. R.	Marshall, Jos.	—11.

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES :

Bowman, J.	Kerstein, G.	Price, W. V.	Snyder, S. L.—5.
Corser, H. H.			

SUSPENDED :

Crowe, E.—1.

EXPELLED :

Ray, Elijah.—1.

Morning Star Lodge, No. 68.**Stockton, San Joaquin County.***Stated Meetings, fourth Thursday in each month.***OFFICERS :**

C. B. Phelps, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	O. C. Gage, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
L. C. Van Allen, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	Jno. Henderson, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
T. R. Eddie, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	G. W. Peachy, <i>Marshal,</i>
E. B. Bateman, <i>Treasurer,</i>	W. S. Overheiser, } <i>Stewards,</i>
Julius George, <i>Secretary,</i>	Thos. Driver, }
O. Fisher, <i>Chaplain,</i>	A. G. Brown, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters :

Lemuel Lyon, <i>P.S.G. W.</i>	Wm. G. Candors.
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MASTER MASONS :

Baggs, Wm.	Fullerton, W. McD.	Neil, W. H.	Stevenson, R. W.
Bennett, A. H.	Gillingham, H. W.	Osborne, T. C.	Underhill, H. B.
Blackwell, Wm.	Hickman, Edward	Peyton, V. M.	Vansycle, J. M.
Buffington, J. M.	Hoffman, C. H.	Shurtleff, G. A.	Vaughan, A. Y.
Byrkit, A.	Huggins, H. S.	Sperry, A.	Wolf, A.—34.

ENTERED APPRENTICES :

Boone, G. W.	Cutting, L. C.—2.
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WITHDRAWN :

Benadom, Josh.	Manning, Rockwell	Reid, R. K.	Stevenson, W. W.
Lyon, J. W.	Pope, W. A.	Simmons, J. C.	Verill, G. S.—8.

SUSPENDED :

Bours, A. L.—1.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 69.**Marysville, Yuba County.***Stated Meetings, first Tuesday in each month.***OFFICERS.**

W. H. Wickersham, <i>Wor. Master.</i>	D. C. Stone, <i>Secretary,</i>
M. D. Dobbins, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	W. P. Thompson, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
J. S. Belcher, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	L. Dingman, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
D. A. Elwell, <i>Treasurer,</i>	
F. Schreiber, (of Marysville Lodge,) <i>Tyler.</i>	

Past Masters :

James Allen,

W. H. Wickersham,

C. F. Colton.

MASTER MASONS :

Brooks, S.	Hatch, F. L.	Little, S. H.	Schermier, J. M.
Brumagim, J. H.	Holmes, F. S.	Meek, N. D.	Sharkey, Wm.
Decker, P.	Laird, L.	Morse, H.	Stanwood, R. G.
Dekay, Wm.	Latham, W. B., Jr.	McCormack, T. J.	Webb, J. J.
Felton, C. N.	Levy, J.	Otis, T. P.	Westcoat, Nelson
Foster, J. J.	Lindley, C.	Rice, E. E.	Woodrow, E.—33.

FELLOW CRAFTS :

Daley, J. L.

Payne, Sumner

Thornburgh, W. B.—3.

ENTERED APPRENTICES :

Allen, D.

Haymood, C.

Martin, H. T.

McDaniel, J.—4.

WITHDRAWN :

Harrington, W. P.

Reinhardt, S.—2.

DIED :

Wilkins, Douglass J.—1.

Enterprise Lodge, No. 70.**Yuba City, Sutter County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preding Full Moon.***OFFICERS :**

J. E. Stevens, *Wor. Master*,
 A. B. Davis, *Sen. Warden*,
 Milton Bassett, *Jun. Warden*,
 Jno. M. Fronk, *Treasurer*.

C. E. Wilcoxon, *Secretary*,
 J. S. Ramsey, *Sen. Deacon*,
 Ira H. Wood, *Jun. Deacon*,
 Geo. M. Fronk, *Tyler*.

Past Masters :

C. E. Wilcoxon,

D. H. Apperson,

J. E. Stevens.

MASTER MASONS :

Boon, R. G.	Dillon, J. P.	Jones, L. G.	Sanburn, S.
Brown, I. A.	Edwards, J. E.	McCall, J. B.	Shore, J. A.
Brown, O. H. P.	Gaither, J. W.	McClure, C. C.	Shore, S. D.
Bullard, I. P.	Goode, D. B.	Painter, B. B.	Taylor, L. W.
Burson, Elias,	Hanson, G. M.	Ramey, Isaac	Vaughn, C. L. N.
Craine, Edwin	Hightower, A. S.	Ream, J. A.	Watson, G. W.—34.
Cross, S. Z.			

ENTERED APPRENTICES :

Fish, P. W.

Lucas, J. B.

Richards, Jas.

WITHDRAWN :

Ashford, J. Q.—1.

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES :

Nicholas, Jno.—1.

Nebraska Lodge, No. 71.**Michigan Bar, Sacramento County.***Stated Meetings, second Friday in each month.***OFFICERS :**

W. B. Kingsbury, *Wor. Master*,
 F. Riley, *Sen. Warden*,
 M. Perry, *Jun. Warden*,
 C. Fuller, *Treasurer*.

W. J. Stoddart, *Secretary*,
 J. W. Williamson, *Sen. Deacon*,
 J. Riggs, *Jun. Deacon*,
 S. W. Brown, *Tyler*.

Past Masters:

J. E. Woodford,

B. F. Wayne.

MASTER MASONS:

Blair, H.	Herrington, H.	Kyle, S. B.	Van Sickle, A. K.
Cotton, J. M.	Hoyt, E. C.	Matthews, J. H.	Wentworth, J. G.
Davidson, K.	Hunter, J.	Pollard, A. A.	Whitlatch, D.—23.
Fitz James, J.			

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Bross, P.

Dunham, J.—2.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Alvord, H.	Creek, C. Y.	White, G. G.	Williamson, H. F.—3.
Bartlett, E. D.			

WITHDRAWN:

Fitzgerald, H.	Freeman, C. D.	Hamilton, W. S.	Sinclair, J. W.—6.
Fleishman, J.	Hall, C.		

E. K. Kane Lodge, No. 72.**Nevada, Nevada County.***Stated Meetings, Friday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

C. C. Green, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	J. N. Arnold, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
T. H. Rolfe, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	A. V. Allen, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
Sol. Kohlman, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	C. H. Seymour, <i>Marshal,</i>
Chas. Marsh, <i>Treasurer.</i>	D. Crittenden, } <i>Stewards,</i>
J. V. Watson, <i>Secretary,</i>	B. Gatzert, }
S. M. Morrison, <i>Chaplain.</i>	J. W. Hastings, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters:

C. H. Seymour,

Chas. Marsh, *D. G. M.***MASTER MASONS:**

Allen, A. D.	Hertzinger, J.	Kilburg, A. M.	Smith, O. N.
Axley, A. D.	Hicks, N. A.	McGloin, P.	Stiles, H. R.
Bleiman, A.	Hunt, R. M.	Peters, G. A.	Watson, W. F.
Denzer, C.	Josephson, C.	Rosenheim, M.	Zimmerman, J.—31.
Early, J. D.	Keating, T.	Searles, N.	

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Davis, B. T.

Hendrickson, M.

Northouse, L.—3.

ENTERED APPRENTICE:

Bruce, M.—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Ash, Leo.

Crandall, O.

May, F.—3.

Tyro Lodge, No. 73.**Drytown, Amador County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

S. F. Benjamin, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	W. T. Curtis, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
A. C. Hinkson, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	J. H. Hinkson, <i>Jun. Deacon.</i>
Edward Gallagher, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	E. A. McClure, <i>Marshal.</i>
C. H. Misner, <i>Treasurer,</i>	D. J. Bell, } <i>Stewards.</i>
W. E. McGready, <i>Secretary,</i>	J. Louis, }
M. W. Glover, <i>Chaplain.</i>	Thos. Sheridan, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Master:

S. F. Benjamin.

MASTER MASONS.

Cochran, J.	Hinkson, A. H.	Milton, Jas. H.	Smith, Robert
Diamond, Benj.	Johnson, Alex.	Richardson, A. S.	Wissart, F. X.—22.
Gallagher, Jno.	Mayers, Chris.		

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Cosmer, Robert	King, J. H.	Tupper, Geo.—3.
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ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Darnes, C. W.	Dudley, C. E.	Fox, C. W.	Hinkson, H. P.—4.
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WITHDRAWN:

Auerbach, Henry,	Gillam, B. H.—2.
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Wisconsin Hill Lodge, No. 74.**Wisconsin Hill, Placer County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

W. C. Rich, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	B. F. Marsh, <i>Secretary,</i>
H. H. Stevens, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	J. F. Woddail, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
W. W. Whipple, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	S. Stoneberger, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
A. G. Allenson, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Thos. Hager, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters:

A. Mills.	B. C. McCurry.
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MASTER MASONS:

Cravens, R. O.	Levin, J.	Ormsby, C. N.	Tyree, J. A.
Crutcher, W. M.	Major, H.	Patton, J. W.	Williams, R. L.
Duff, A.	McMurry, J. D.	Stewart, W. W.	Worley, S. J.—25.
Herpse, A.	Neff, J. A.	Tidd, J. M.	

FELLOW CRAFT:

Patton, R. R.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Smith, G. E.	Spicer, S. A.
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WITHDRAWN:

Singleton, J. J.	Stovall, W. W.	Thurman, L. B.—3.
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Mountain Forest Lodge, No. 75.**Eureka, Sierra County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

Jacob S. Ewalt, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	L. B. Frankell, <i>Secretary,</i>
D. W. Mitchell, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	Jno. R. Ellis, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
Wm. B. Hickok, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	R. M. Norvall, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
Gus. Reis, <i>Treasurer,</i>	H. Hyman, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters:

H. P. Benton,	D. A. Clowes.
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MASTER MASONS:

Allman, Samuel	Johnson, R. R.	Parks, Andrew	Stewart, Joseph
Beck, H. S.	Moore, S. D.	Reynolds, T.	Vosburgh, Isaac
Bragg, Justus	McClung, Wm.	Rodgers, D. W.	Van de Walker, A.K.
Ingram, Jasper	McClure, Wm.	Serand, Paul	Ware, L.—28.
Johnson, A. C.	Olds, C. C.		

FELLOW-CRAFTS:

Nicholson, Lewis	O'Donnell, Jas.	Raymond, Jas.—3.
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ENTERED APPRENTICE:

Miller, W. L. G.—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Bush, Squire	Frone, Wm.	Murphy, Francis	Tucker, Allen
Caro, S. D.	Green, Benj.	Newby, B. F.	VanAllen, P. C.—11.
Craig, David	Hughes, G. W.	Nichols, H. C.	

Bear Mountain Lodge, No. 76.

Angel's Camp, Calaveras County.

Stated Meetings, Wednesday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

F. R. Sponsler, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	Jas. Mattson, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
Chas. Dickinson, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	S. S. Abbott, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
Jno. C. Scribner, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	E. S. Camp, <i>Stewards,</i>
Wm. Coddington, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Robert Graham, <i>Stewards,</i>
Wm. A. Kelly, <i>Secretary,</i>	B. Raspberry, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters:

H. H. Reynolds,	W. A. Kelly.
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MASTER MASONS:

Brooks, E. J.	Frazier, E.	Mays, W. R.	Selkirk, David
Brooks, M. B.	Friedberger, A.	O'Leary, Cornelius	Tryon, G. C.—22.
Bush, Ephraim	Lake, C. G.	Reddick, Wm.	

FELLOW-CRAFTS:

Kelly, Jas.	Stratton, T. H.	Straus, B.—3.
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ENTERED APPRENTICE:

Westbrook, H. F.—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Williams, P. A.—1.

DIED:

Williamson, Jno.—1.

Petaluma Lodge, No. 77.

Petaluma, Sonoma County.

Stated Meetings, Thursday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

B. Newman, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	A. P. Overton, <i>Secretary,</i>
J. B. Hogle, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	F. J. Benjamin, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
Jas. Singley, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	W. D. Tringue, <i>Jun. Deacon.</i>
W. L. Anderson, <i>Treasurer.</i>	Uriah Edwards, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Master :

Thos. L. Barnes.

MASTER MASONS :

Alberding, Fred.	Goodspeed, F.	Lee, W. G.	Smith, S. J.
Bassett, Heman	Hardin, J.	Pettus, J. E.	Stewart, Jas.
Conley, Wm.	Holman, J. A.	Phinney, R.	Swinerton, W. R.
Cramer, J. C.	Howe, Henry	Powell, Jno.	Thompson, Jef.
Cross, J. D.	Huie, J. T.	Rathboun, E.	Thompson, P. R.
Dashiell, Benj.	Hunt, Chas.	Rogers, A. W.	Walker, J. R.
Ellis, Jno.	King, Samuel	Samuels, James	Walker, L. J.—38.
Fine, J. H.			

FELLOW CRAFT :

Baylies, T. F.—1.

ENTERED APPRENTICES :

Godding, S. R.	Latapie, E.	Rudesill, A. C.	White, Jas.—7.
Farley, —	McGuire, —	Vincent, Albert	

WITHDRAWN :

Bonham, B. B.	Brush, G. R.	Gossage, J. B.	Maxey, P. L.
Bouton, A. P.	Derrick, J. C.	Huff, J. G.	Rathboun, J. S.—8.

DIED :

Stodola, Samuel—1.

Calaveras Lodge, No. 78.**San Andreas, Calaveras County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS :**

Moses Thorpe, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	Jas. Finnie, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
Orpheus Smith, <i>Sen. Warden.</i>	R. W. Russell, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
E. R. Purple, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	E. J. Attinelli, <i>Marshal,</i>
B. J. Latz, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Jos. Kerns, } <i>Stewards,</i>
Jas. Barclay, <i>Secretary,</i>	Philip Stone, }

N. B. Jenks, *Tyler.***Past Masters :**

G. Garretsee,

N. B. Jenks.

MASTER MASONS :

Austin, Horace	Brotherton, T. W.	Cowles, Timothy	Pomphret, Richard
Beatty, T. N.	Clow, J. C.	Latimer, Daniel	Wallace, E.
Blanchard, Seth	Coldren, E. R.	Morse, Chauncey	Webb, M. T.—27.
Bode, Herman	Cook, J. A. H.	McCracken, R.	

FELLOW CRAFTS :

Gatewood, W. J.	Haskell, J. P.	Murphy, Morris	Osborne, C. L.—5.
Goldstein, M.			

ENTERED APPRENTICES :

Cummings, T. J.	Norcross, N. T.	Snyder, Peter,	Williams, J. S.
Danning, H. W.	Shaul, Geo.	Stearns, W. H.	Wilmer, Robert—9.
Hudgins, Philip			

WITHDRAWN :

Bright, P. M.—1.

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES :

Rea, Jas.

Snyder, Wm.—2.

DIED :

Fox, D. D.

Kinleyside, Peter.—2.

Humboldt Lodge, No. 79.**Bucksport, Humboldt County.***Stated Meetings, first Thursday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

A. J. Heustis, *Wor. Master*,
 R. M. Stoker, *Sen. Warden*,
 C. W. Long, *Jun. Warden*,
 J. R. Moloney, *Treasurer*,
 J. N. Hume, *Secretary*.

J. DeHaven, *Sen. Deacon*,
 I. J. Upton, *Jun. Deacon*,
 Jas. Hanna, *Marshal*,
 Wm. H. Conklin, { *Stewards*,
 B. F. Fisk, }

R. G. Simonton, *Tyler*.**Past Masters:**

A. J. Heustis,

J. R. Molony,

S. L. Shaw.

MASTER MASONS:

Carson, Wm.	Davis, J.	Fleishman, H.	Pine, C. A.
Comstock, H. S.	Downham, Edw.	Gilmore, Alex.	Randell, C. H.
Davis, E. L.	Fairchild, J. A.	Legg, F. W.	Whipple, S. G.—24.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Crann, A.	Langdon, J. P.	Pickard, D.	Sevier, A. D.—6.
Freudenstein, M.	Martin, W. C.		

WITHDRAWN:

Bozwell, Geo.	Howard, E. H.	Williams, D. D.	Wilson, J. G.—5.
Duperu, Numa			

Ione Lodge, No. 80.**Ione, Amador County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

Jno. C. Gear, *Wor. Master*,
 Jno. E. Hunt, *Sen. Warden*,
 J. B. Gregory, *Jun. Warden*,
 C. Leneger, *Treasurer*,
 J. Farnsworth, *Secretary*.

Jno. W. Surface, *Sen. Deacon*,
 Wm. J. Smith, *Junior Deacon*,
 Wm. Hernes, { *Stewards*,
 A. E. Callaway, }
 A. D. Kibbee, *Tyler*.

Past Master:

A. E. Callaway.

MASTER MASONS:

Benedicks, A.	Lyon, L. G.	Poe, Jno. T.	Stephens, R. F.
Eagon, J. A.	Newman, David	Simpson, H.	Withington, R. H.—19.
Livermore, Jas.			

FELLOW-CRAFTS:

Aikins, J. B.

Beek, J. J.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Carter, H. A.	Flint, B.	Sutherland, Jno.	VanNess, W. H.—4
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Yolo Lodge, No. 81.**Yolo, Yolo County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

W. F. Anderson, *Wor. Master*,
 N. Wykoff, *Sen. Warden*,
 J. Stevens, *Jun. Warden*,
 J. T. Boone, *Treasurer*,

E. Giddings, *Secretary*,
 C. D. Davis, *Sen. Deacon*,
 B. F. Tebbs, *Jun. Deacon*,
 Geo. Snodgrass, *Tyler*.

Past Master:

W. F. Anderson.

MASTER MASONS:

Brown, G. F.	Gottwals, C.	Pockman, T. C.	Tebbs, Q. C.
Derrick, J. C.	Grey, F. G.	Riggs, H. C.	Travers, Chas.—19.
Forman, J. L.	Hambright, B.	Schindler, D.	

FELLOW-CRAFT:

Diggs, D. P.—1.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Borden, Wm.

Tepscomb, R. S.—2.

WITHDRAWN:

Isbell, Wm.

Jury, J. S.

Simpson, G. E.—3.

Mountain Lodge, No. 82.**Don Pedro's Bar, Tuolumne County.***Stated Meetings, third Saturday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Z. P. Cole, *Wor. Master*,
 Wm. Camick, *Sen. Warden*.
 N. Bond, *Jun. Warden*,
 Z. M. Porter, *Treasurer*.

A. Morgan, *Secretary*,
 S. H. Stevens, *Sen. Deacon*,
 P. O'Neal, *Jun. Deacon*,
 Caspar Sharp, *Tyler*.

Past Master:

C. Gilman.

MASTER MASONS:

Block, E.
 Cook, J. H.
 Cope, F. S.
 Cope, J. F.

Holmes, Thos.
 Muir, Wm.
 Parsons, Otis

Piley, H.
 Rolfe, N.
 Sherwood, J.

Starr, C. A.
 Stevens, R. B.
 Wilson, P. F.—22.

FELLOW-CRAFTS:

Davis, D. E.

Halse, A. W.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Squires, S. S.

Stevens, C. F.—2.

WITHDRAWN:

Gibson, J. T.

Hoyt, Samuel—2.

Rising Star Lodge, No. 83.**Todd's Valley, Placer County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding full moon.***OFFICERS:**

J. W. Harville, *Wor. Master*.
 Artemas Baker, *Sen. Warden*,
 J. M. Miner, *Jun. Warden*,
 S. S. Willard, *Treasurer*,
 Wm. Rufus Longley, *Secretary*,

Martin Hoover, *Sen. Deacon*.
 Elias Waldron, *Jun. Deacon*.
 Chas. La Salle, *Marshal*,
 A. Knapp, } *Stewards*,
 M. L. Todd, }

Wm. T. McGinnis, *Tyler*.

Past Master :

J. W. Harville.

MASTER MASONS:

Baker, D. J.	Duck, Wm.	Hoskins, Avery	Waddell, Thos.
Burrows, G. W.	Foskett, E. D. C.	Kirby, J. E.	Warsburg, L.
Butts, Geo.	Frye, J. H. P.	Longley, J. H.	White, W. R.
Colcord, M. S.	Graham, W. G.	Martin, G. M.	Wilkerson, Achilles
Corah, R.	Hackett, J. M.	Powell, P.	Williams, R.
Cravens, R. O.	Henson, W. T.	Read, A. G.	Wilson, J. L.
Crompton, H. J.	Herrick, Jas.	Stephens, W. S.	Young, H. M.—42.
Decker, G. W.	Hill, A. J.	Thayer, F. M.	

ENTERED APPRENTICE:

Brohard, J. D.—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Finch, A. M.

Lister, W. M.—2.

Vesper Lodge, No. 84.**Red Bluffs, Shasta County.***Stated Meetings, Thursday next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS :**

Dennis Dunn, *Wor. Master*,
 E. Jackson, *Sen. Warden*,
 Wm. A. Roll, *Jun. Warden*,
 Geo. Sherman, *Treasurer*,

A. H. Stout, *Secretary*,
 G. W. Hoag, *Sen. Deacon*,
 T. J. Butler, *Jun. Deacon*,
 N. B. Gay, *Tyler*.

Past Master :

J. G. Doll.

MASTER MASONS:

Bradley, J. C.	Bull, Alpheus	Edmonds, F.	Meador, M.
Broadwater, W. S.	Dye, J. M.	Harrison, W. R.	Veatch, J. A.
Brownstine, Geo.	Earl, J.	Ide, J. M.	Webb, A. H.—21.

FELLOW-CRAFTS:

Craig, Alex.

Galland, J. B.

Gellan, L. S.—3.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Copeland, H. C.

Hammers, Geo.

Riser, Ellis

Whitehurst, J. C.—4.

WITHDRAWN:

Daniels, S.

Humphry, E.

Neil, B.—3.

Indian Diggings Lodge, No. 85.**Indian Diggings, El Dorado County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS :**

J. B. Carter, *Wor. Master*,
 E. H. Dumble, *Sen. Warden*,
 J. D. Collins, *Jun. Warden*,
 A. Brault, *Treasurer*,

H. W. Egelston, *Secretary*,
 T. Y. Williams, *Senior Deacon*,
 Jno. Gates, *Jun. Deacon*,
 H. Hall, *Tyler*,

Past Master:

E. Bogardus.

MASTER MASONS:

Blockman, A.	Dake, L.	Meehlenberg, J.	Phelps, M.
Chandler, Jos.	Gibson, P.	Morgan, W.	Reynolds, J.
Clayborn, R. R.	Harrison, J. H.	McCure, F.	Thompson, D. P.
Colenburg, H.	Holliday, Wm.	McDonald, Geo.	White, O. P. H.—26.
Collins, J. S.			

FELLOW-CRAFT:

Smith, Wm.—1.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Clayton, P.	Languedoc, W.	Loveless, S.	Malone, Geo.—5.
Grodmoehl, —			

WITHDRAWN:

Goldstein, S.	Hale, S.	Jacks, J.—3.
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St. Louis Lodge, No. 86.**St. Louis, Sierra County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

Joel Eveland, <i>Wor. Master.</i>	Geo. W. Cox, <i>Secretary,</i>
R. D. Hill, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	W. W. Withrow, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
W. R. Libbey, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	Richard Brown, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
B. Palmer, <i>Treasurer.</i>	Chas. W. Hendel, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters:

John W. Tingley,	Jas. St. C. Wilson.
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MASTER MASONS:

Anderson, Jno.	Drake, H. G. O.	Hill, N. S.	McRoddin, David
Beal, C. C.	Eidson, N. B.	Howe, A. J.	Ong, J. W.
Bump, Peter	Eve, George	Jump, Alembly	Parvin, W. L.
Butler, C. D.	Foster, H. E.	Kerr, Henry	Small, Jacob
Clark, Orns.	Fraser, Chas.	Knouth, Fred.	Wallace, Silas
Cohn, Heiman	Giraud, Daniel	Marsh, Allen	Watkins, T.
Cox, M. T.	Harris, A. J.	Miller, J. P.	White, P. J.—41.
Downer, J. W.	Harwood, Jno.	Morrison, T. F.	

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Gordon, Thos.	Griswell, Amos	Helm, Alfred	Schott, C —4.
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ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Creely, Jas.	Hollingsworth, M.	Page, Benj.	Shelden, B.—6.
Deubell, L. G.	Jenkins, J. W.		

WITHDRAWN:

Morrow, W. R.	Rigley, J. A.	Tranor, Jno.	West, J. W.—7.
Ozender, Joel	Stewart, M. S.	Turner, Geo.	

EXPELLED:

Tekusch, Wm. (E. A.)—1.

Naval Lodge, No. 87.**Vallejo, Solano County.***Stated Meetings, third Thursday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Abraham Powell, Jr., <i>Wor. Master,</i>	Alex. Guffy, <i>Secretary,</i>
Wm. Aspinall, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	C. H. Oliver, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
Isaac Hobbs, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	Dennis Kelly, <i>Jun. Deacon.</i>
Jas. Logan, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Jno. Lee, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Master :

Jno. R. Bird.

MASTER MASONS :

Bean, L. W.	Brownlee, Thos.	Jones, W. D.	Meagher, Dennis
Benas, Benj.	Cheeney, W. B.	Macauley, J. B.	Mooden, G. R.
Brownlee, Robert	Hook, Henry	Mann, Jas.	McLaughlin, P.—21.

FELLOW-CRAFTS :

Flanders, Nathan	Hussey, Chas.	Williams, O.—3.
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ENTERED APPRENTICES :

Frisbie, Elizur	Martin, Cornelius	Milks, E.	Richardson, M. H.
Hall, O. A.			—5.

WITHDRAWN :

Mitchell, B. R.	Wilmot, Wm.—2.
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Quitman Lodge, No. 88.**Orleans Flat, Nevada County.***Stated Meetings, third Saturday in each month.***OFFICERS :**

Andrew Hanna, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	H. B. Coyaux, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
R. B. Moyes, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	S. B. Blakesley, <i>Jun. Deacon.</i>
Thos. W. Triplett, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	J. P. Brinton, <i>Marshal,</i>
Jno. Caldwell, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Jno. Noyes,
S. B. Hickman, <i>Secretary,</i>	H. J. Greenman, } <i>Stewards,</i>
	W. H. Hopkins, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters :

J. M. Gregg,	B. S. Olds, <i>P. J. G. W.</i>
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MASTER MASONS :

Aiken, Samuel	Kingman, H. J.	McNab, G. G.	Scott, W. A.
Arnold, Geo.	Lambitti, S. H.	Nugent, A. S.	Sichell, A.
Barry, J. K.	Lang, Frank	Oppenheim, P. B.	Singleton, M. A.
Butterfield, R. W.	Lawrence, A.	Pease, S. O.	Smith, J. L. P.
Eaker, Jacob	Mead, Stephen	Pickle, W. C.	Snapp, S. D.
Gray, Jno. M.	Mead, Wm.	Ream, Jeremiah	Tyler, Samuel
Harris, C. W. B.	Montinall, F.	Reed, J. D.	Wood, W. C.—44.
Julian, Humphrey	Morrow, W. R.	Sackett, L. A.	

FELLOW CRAFTS :

Hunter, J. M.	Jones, C. B.	McLean, P. M.	Rooney, J. M.—4.
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ENTERED APPRENTICES :

Barnes, W. C.	Blackwell, S. L.	Dill, E.	Kinny, H. L.—7.
Belnap, W.	Congar, Jno.	Hotchkiss, H. B.	

WITHDRAWN :

Anthony, Jas.	Chapman, L. G.	Dievendorff, Henry	Friel, Jeremiah—4.
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Rose's Bar Lodge, No. 89.**Rose's Bar, (Empire Ranch,) Yuba County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS :**

B. M. Sawin, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	M. Coleman, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
A. L. Morrison, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	F. Greenwald, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
R. Dillon, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	A. O. Hyde, <i>Marshal,</i>
N. O. Lawton, <i>Treasurer,</i>	C. Lintott,
Henry Hogarth, <i>Secretary,</i>	L. C. Carpenter, } <i>Stewards,</i>
J. G. Potter, <i>Chaplain,</i>	U. R. Sheldon, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Master:

B. M. Sawin.

MASTER MASONS:

Boyce, S. G.	Dykeman, H.	Landgrage, G.	Parks, J.
Clark, L. B.	England, C.	Long, U. M.	Pearl, W. M.
Congdon, G. N.	Gregory, Wm.	Merrill, W. P.	Rogers, S. J. S.
Courtright, W. H.	Henry, J.	Meyers, C. U.	Wilbur, J.—31.
Craemer, J. A.	Kellogg, H. B.	McCrackin, J. M.	

ENTERED APPRENTICE:

Bradley, M.—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Hutchins, J. U.

Myor, F. A.—2.

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Perrin, A.—1.

Polar Star Lodge, No. 90.**Forks of Poor Man's Creek, Plumas County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

D. W. C. Baird, *Wor. Master.*
H. C. Hampson, *Sen. Warden.*
Jas. Corcoran, *Jun. Warden.*
Robert Gunton, *Treasurer.*

Geo. W. Adams, *Secretary,*
Almus Stebbins, *Sen. Deacon,*
A. A. Cummings, *Jun. Deacon.*
Thos. McAllister, *Tyler.*

MASTER MASONS:

Emmons, T. H.	Hodgkins, C.	Lester, T. G.	Tomlinson, A. A.
Harmon, L. N.	Hudson, J. F.	Long, D. P.	Waits, A. E.—19.
Hays, Edward	Kelly, R. C.	Naylor, W. F. S.	

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Peel, J. J. L.

Reynolds, J.—2.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Davis, W. S.

McCabe, J. P.

Tally, W. W.—3.

WITHDRAWN:

Collins, Jno.

Todd, S. S.—2.

North Star Lodge, No. 91.**Hooperville, Siskiyou County.***Stated Meetings, second Saturday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

A. M. C. Smith, *Wor. Master,*
F. E. Ensign, *Sen. Warden.*
B. R. Turnbow, *Jun. Warden,*
L. B. Gregory, *Treasurer,*

J. C. Logan, *Secretary,*
A. P. McCarten, *Sen. Deacon,*
Joshua Randall, *Jun. Deacon,*
Wm. Gruther, *Tyler.*

MASTER MASONS:

Adams, A. W.	Cutler, Amos	Kitts, D. B.	Shoers, Wm.
Baker, M. M.	Dowd, David,	Logan, J. J.	Stone, S. E.
Barker, Jos.	Heard, Geo. W.	Mason, B. S.	Thornbury, C. N.
Beam, Adam	Judah, H. M.	Rigg, E. G.	Van Horn, Wm.
Brewster, Chas.	Keowan, B. W.	Shaw, D. H.	Wright, Wm.—28.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Cowden, J. S.	Huff, J. F.	Palmer, N. N.	Steele, F. H.—7.
Gartrell, Caleb	Ingram, Peter	Pennington, B. C.	

WITHDRAWN:

Davidson, D. N.	Hockensmith, M.—2.
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Acacia Lodge, No. 92.

Coloma, El Dorado County.

*Stated Meetings, Thursday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

Thos. M. Reed, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	G. H. Gilbert, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
A. W. Cullom, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	Robert Chalmers, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
D. C. McKenney, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	R. Bell, }
J. S. Chapman, <i>Treasurer,</i>	H. S. Herrick, } <i>Stewards.</i>
Thos. Wren, <i>Secretary,</i>	J. S. Ford, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Master:

Thos. M. Reed.

MASTER MASONS:

Borowsky, M.	Levy, H.	Nelson, A.	Smoltz, A.
Carson, E. B.	Long, A.	Noteware, C. N.	Thulin, N. L.
Farley, M.	Mahler, H.	Rackliff, C. J.	Van Guelder, A. A.
Grace, N.	Moore, J.	Robertson, Thos.	Weymouth, J. L.
Hedrick, J.	Morris, J.	Smith, L. S.	Williams, T. H.—31.
Johnson, J.			

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Camp, D.	Clees, J. T.	McDonald, R.	McDougald, J. A.—4.
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ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Camp, E.	Merrill, A. W.	Merrill, D. S.	Wiley, J. P.—4.
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WITHDRAWN:

Anderson, G. C.	Hurlburt, G. D.	McConnell, Wm.	Sanford, J. N.—4.
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Caymus Lodge, No. 93.

Yountville, Napa County.

*Stated Meetings, last Saturday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Edward Evey, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	D. M. Johnson, <i>Secretary,</i>
Geo. C. Yount, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	E. L. Levey, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
Wm. Baldrige, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	_____, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
P. R. Hazelton, <i>Treasurer,</i>	_____, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Master.

S. Rosenbaum.

MASTER MASONS:

Deering, J. W.	Evey, Jos.	Hargrave, W. M.	Wright, J. M.—14.
Dimick, C. A.	Grigsby, A. F.	Meckenberg, Jos.	

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Still, H.	Taylor, W. E.—2.
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EXPELLED.

May, J. J.—1.

Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 94.**Elizabethtown, Plumas County.***Stated Meetings, fourth Saturday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Wm. M. Milburn, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	Isaac M. Walters, <i>Secretary,</i>
E. A. Hall, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	Benj. Coss, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
David Titherington, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	Jno. G. Appel, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
E. P. Grubbs, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Jno. Howard, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters:

Jno. Howard,	E. P. Grubbs.	A. S. Paul.
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MASTER MASONS:

Boyd, A.	Kaulback, C. F.	McDonald, A. M.	Peters, N. J.
Green, J. H.	Mather, S. H.	Norris, T. A. B.	Petty, Wm.
Harrison, W. H.	Moore, G. M.	Perry, Richard	Robinson, F. D.—22.
Hart, Richard			

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Beartch, C.	Elliott, H. B.	McKinley, O. P.	Ritchie, J. D.—6.
Chamberlin, P.	Hogan, E. T.		

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Choate, C.	Larrison, J. H.	Phelps, J.	Taylor, Hiram
Coburn, Benj.	Orr, H.	Stark, C. T.	Winans, Jno.—9.
Dickson, S. J.			

WITHDRAWN:

Gloyd, D. J.	Harper, B. M.	Taylor, P.—3.
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SUSPENDED:

Geagham, Thomas—1.

DIED:

Matthews, J. K.—1.

Henry Clay Lodge, No. 95.**Sutter Creek, Amador County.***Stated Meetings, Wednesday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

O. P. Southwell, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	Jas. Tibbits, <i>Secretary,</i>
Harrison Wood, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	N. A. Green, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
W. T. Wildman, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	P. Cook, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
F. Tibbits, <i>Treasurer,</i>	R. Baker, <i>Tyler.</i>

MASTER MASONS:

Burke, T. J.	Fidler, D.	Loring, W. A.	Peckard, J.
Crandall, D.	Gliddon, C. R.	Manon, S.	Pendleton, B. F.
Davis, J.	Hayward, C. R.	Morrow, S. S.	Porter, W. S.
Elkins, J.	Kussart, P.	Murry, Jas.	Rose, A. H.—24.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Comstock, Asa	Keys, J.	Kimball, J. A.—3.
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Howard Lodge, No. 96.**Yreka, Siskiyou County.***Stated Meetings, second Monday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Edgar W. Potter, *Wor. Master.*
 Jonas W. Brown, *Sen. Warden.*
 H. Brooks, *Jun. Warden.*
 A. H. Brown, *Treasurer.*

Jas. W. Barry, *Secretary,*
 Wm. Conery, *Sen. Deacon,*
 J. A. Lytle, *Jun. Deacon,*
 D. B. Kitts, (of North Star Lodge) *Tyler.*

Past Master:

W. S. R. Taylor.

MASTER MASONS:

Antenueth, L.	Dearing, Thos.	Long, Jno.	Riker, H. H.
Beekman, C. C.	Emery, M. P.	North, Samuel	Scott, X. E.
Bisbee, Wm.	Fox, W. J.	Norton, W. T.	Slade, W. D.
Brooks, S. S.	Furber, G. C.	Paul, W. J.	Smith, J. P.
Burns, A. V.	Hill, Jas. A.	Reid, Jno.	Waterhouse, G.B.—30.
Carrick, E.	Lewis, C. W.		

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Durand, Geo.

Searcy, Jas.—2.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Shepperd, J. B.

Snelling, B. B.

Steits, G. W.—3.

Jefferson Lodge, No. 97.**Rabbit Creek, Sierra County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

E. Lane, *Wor. Master.*
 N. S. Hill, *Sen. Warden.*
 R. C. Wilson, *Jun. Warden.*
 J. R. Porter, *Treasurer.*
 A. H. Crew, *Secretary.*

J. P. Fuller, *Sen. Deacon,*
 B. Loeb, *Jun. Deacon,*
 J. B. Price, *Marshal,*
 W. Sim, }
 J. H. Hudson, } *Stewards.*

W. Y. Head, *Tyler.***Past Master:**

E. Lane.

MASTER MASONS:

Abshae, E.	Cook, M.	Lester, E.	Smith, A. N.
Baker, T.	Hannon, M. W.	Mamlock, S.	Smith, F. W.
Barnhart, J. A.	Harris, J. J.	Moss, J.	Vangundy, J.
Bracy, W.	Hayden, J. S.	Myers, W. F.	White, T.
Brown, H.	Howard, F.	Payne, N. J.	Wilks, J.
Brown, J.	Johnson, A. C.	Pinch, J.	Winfrey, J. B.
Carrington, J. B.	Kitts, J.	Riggins, G. W.	Zimmerman, P.—41.
Conley, J.	Larrison, S.		

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Arnold, C.

Burris, S.—2.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Francis, W.
 Gardner, W.

Johnson, J. A.

McMann, J. F.

Wood, T. M.—5.

WITHDRAWN:

Cross, J. D.

Gray, C.

Rand, R. G.—3.

SUSPENDED:

O'Brien, J.—1.

Quartzburg Lodge, No. 98.**Quartzburg, Mariposa County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

Wm. H. Tichenal, *Wor. Master*,
 D. C. McClosky, *Sen. Warden*,
 Jas. Doegg, *Jun. Warden*.
 D. M. Pool, *Treasurer*,
 P. B. Smallwood, *Secretary*,

N. A. Bailey, *Sen. Deacon*,
 J. G. Thornton, *Jun. Deacon*,
 B. F. Ross, }
 W. H. Tongue, } *Stewards*.
 G. H. Barnes, *Tyler*.

Past Master:

D. C. King.

MASTER MASONS:

Barfield, W. J.	Elias, J.	Jones, J. Y.	Snow, Chas.
Block, D. G.	Gilmore, G. B.	Kirkpatrick D. S.	Wood, J. H.
Carr, S. W.	Goss, W. G.	Landrum, A. J.	Wood, W. P.—26.
Curtis, G. W.	Jackson, W. W.	McNeill, A.	

FELLOW CRAFT:

Bloodworth, Chas.—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Buckhalter, J.

Landrum, F. S.

Taylor, S.—3.

SUSPENDED:

Innett, Jno. H.—1.

DIED:

Dickenson, O. M.—1.

La Grange Lodge, No. 99.**LaGrange, Stanislaus County.***Stated Meetings, second Saturday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Samuel N. Hoyt, *Wor. Master*,
 Jno. B. Hockett, *Sen. Warden*.
 P. B. Nagle, *Jun. Warden*.
 C. M. Wells, *Treasurer*,
 Robert McGarvey, *Secretary*,

Jno. Myers, *Sen. Deacon*.
 Wm. B. Thurman, *Jun. Deacon*,
 S. Cleaveland, *Marshal*,
 S. J. Simond, }
 Arnt. Harris, } *Stewards*.

W. W. Bowen, *Tyler*.**Past Masters:**

J. J. Willis,

A. Elkins,

W. M. Stafford.

MASTER MASONS:

Calbreath, J. C.	Hawthorn, Samuel	Letroadec. —	Thibault, Peter
Currel, Spencer	Johnson, N. B.	Murphy, T. G.	Thomas, G. W.
Damien, —	Kennon, Thos.	Payne, Thos.	Toney, Seth
Delany, Patrick	Kirk, W. D.	Roynol, T.	Ward, J. N.
Dickenson, J. P.	Laird, Jno.	Seaniker, S. P.	Woodworth, B.—37.
Dubois, Samuel	LaTourette, A.	Shearer, Arthur	

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Allen, O. H.

Peacock, Wm.

Pornier, A.

Somers, Jno.—4.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Branch, G. W.

Ewing, Simon

Gianini, Thos.

Starr, W. C.

Croson, E. T.

Frye, M. L.

King, G. W.

Young, Wm.—11

Duke, Burrel

Gardiner, J. H.

Lobbe, Julius

WITHDRAWN:

Becker, Fred.

Gibbs, W. D.

Nelson, Uriah.—3.

Campo Seco Lodge, No. 100.**Campo Seco, Calaveras County.***Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.***OFFICERS.**

J. M. Havens, *Wor. Master*,
 Jno. M. Keith, *Sen. Warden*,
 L. M. Drake, *Jun. Warden*,
 A. L. Wangenheim, *Treasurer*,

Wm. A. Atlee, *Secretary*,
 F. W. Gude, *Sen. Deacon*,
 F. M. Shoemaker, *Jun. Deacon*,
 C. G. Tompkins, *Tyler*.

Past Master:

J. M. Havens.

MASTER MASONS:

Adler, A.	Einstein, Morris	Miller, James	Paul, R. H.
Brown, E. M.	Fitzsimmons, Jno.	Monroe, J. C.	Wangenheim, Sol.
Combs, L. S.	Howard, Jas.	Nathan, Daniel	Wheeler, R. F.
Drake, A. T.	Kettleman, David	Palmer, J. W. D.	Wooley, Wm.—25.
Einstein, Jacob			

FELLOW CRAFT:

Smithland, Louis—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Brittan, J. W.

Weir, J. B.—2.

Clay Lodge, No. 101.**Dutch Flat, Placer County.***Stated Meetings, second Saturday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Jno. H. Montgomery, *Wor. Master*,
 E. Hagan, *Sen. Warden*,
 M. S. Gardner, *Jun. Warden*,
 E. L. Bradley, *Treasurer*,

Isaac Gill, *Secretary*,
 J. A. Beal, *Sen. Deacon*,
 J. M. Fritch, *Jun. Deacon*,
 D. F. Hathaway, *Tyler*.

Past Masters:

E. Hagan,

Jno. H. Montgomery.

MASTER MASONS:

Baker, J. F.	Francis, R.	Heyman, S.	Lilly, J. C.
Beal, G. P.	Friedman, A.	Jachieus, B.	Scott, Wm.
Curran, V.	Gailey, J. W.	Kopp, C. M.	Shubert, J. A.—20.

FELLOW-CRAFT:

Weber, M. N.—1.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Seffens, Chas.

Thomas, J. M.—2.

Manzanita Lodge, No. 102.**San Juan, Nevada County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

Wm. H. Sears, *Wor. Master*,
 John H. Effinger, *Sen. Warden*,
 L. C. McKeeby, *Jun. Warden*,
 Jas. H. Moore, *Treasurer*,
 A. Eastin, *Secretary*,

Chas. E. Olney, *Sen. Deacon*,
 Jos. M. Dickson, *Jun. Deacon*,
 W. P. L. Winham, *Marshal*,
 Jno. R. Archibald, {
 Jos. Kinville, } *Stewards*.

Peter Zacharias, *Tyler*.

MASTER MASONS:

Adsit, L. B.	Coker, Jas.	Freeman, Thos.	Readshaw, W. J.
Avery, B. P.	Collins, Henry.	Hatfield, Wm.	Seely, Jno. A.
Baldwin, Smith	Cook, Jos.	Hilliard, Samuel	Spurling, A.
Bass, Lawrence,	Curtis, Samuel	Macklin, Henry	Stafford, Joshua
Black, Houston	Evans, Alvaro	Mobley, F. F.	Winham, M. A.--33.
Caswell, S. B.	Evans, Orlando		

ENTERED APPRENTICE:

Fisher, Geo. P.—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Pollard, Jeremiah

Search, A. T.—2.

DIED:

McCoy, A. C.—1.

Oroville Lodge, No. 103.**Oroville, Butte County.***Stated Meetings, last Saturday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

J. J. Klein, *Wor. Master*,
D. Jewett, *Sen. Warden*,
J. C. Klimper, *Jun. Warden*,
Phil. Waterman, *Treasurer*,

Robert Williams, *Secretary*,
Geo. W. Elliott, *Sen. Deacon*,
Daniel Johnson, *Jun. Deacon*,
D. G. O'Donnell, *Tyler*.

Past Master:

David A. Brown.

MASTER MASONS:

Baywright, Geo.	Farley, M. H.	Jones, Jno.	Platt, J. A.
Beker, J. C.	Faulkner, G. W.	Keating, J. D.	Reis, A. D.
Bissett, T.	Faulkner, Thos.	Mann, A. F.	Silvis, J. B.
Collins, P.	Fee, L. W.	Martin, S.	Sims, J. S.
Edmonds, Wm.	Green, J. E.	Miller, J. W.	Smith, D. W.
Elliott, J. T.	Gunson, Robert	Mitchell, J.	Tooker, Lansing
Emmerson, J. E.	Hoskins, Avery	Peck, W. D.	Torr, Geo.—38.
Fairchild, O. L.			

FELLOW-CRAFTS:

De Cosmos, A. D.

Governor, D. W.—2.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Davis, R.
Hoffman, P.

Hornbrook, S.

Jones, J. Y.

Rothrock, Geo.—5.

WITHDRAWN:

Mallory, G. H.

Rosenthal, Jos.

Sadores, H. T.—3.

DIED:

Byers, Jos.—1.

Lexington Lodge, No. 104.**Lexington, Los Angeles County.***Stated Meetings, third Saturday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

B. F. Coopwood, *Wor. Master*,
Frank Gentry, *Sen. Warden*,
W. W. Maxey, *Jun. Warden*,
Thos. A. Moyes, *Treasurer*.

J. H. Maddox, *Secretary*,
Silas Bennett, *Sen. Deacon*,
R. C. Fryer, *Jun. Deacon*,
M. A. Tyler, *Tyler*.

Past Master:

Silas Bennett.

MASTER MASONS:

Barton, Benj.	Johnson, J. G.	Read, Jno.	Swigart, T. C.
Beardslee, N.	Kyle, P.	Robinson G. N. G.	Tyler, E. B.
Bettis, Elijah	Norbor, Jno	Rubottom, E. H.	Weir, Jno.
Coopwood, B.	Norris, B.	Rubottom, W. W.	Yoree, J. R.—25.
Hunter, E.			

WITHDRAWN:

Dunlap, R. R.

Hayward, A. B.

Vise, N.—3.

DIED:

Little, W. H.—1.

Siskiyou Lodge, No. 105.**Henley, Siskiyou County.***Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Daniel Grosse, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	A. J. Rosinbum, <i>Secretary,</i>
L. M. Hazlitt, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	S. S. Williams, <i>Sen. Deacon.</i>
Jno. S. Dudley, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	J. H. Hazlitt, <i>Jun. Deacon.</i>
Jacob Ditzler, <i>Treasurer.</i>	P. Highlander, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Master:

Daniel Grosse.

MASTER MASONS:

Blanchard, Wm.	Lee, Wm.	Rhodes, O. M.	Ross, Ephraim
Haserick, A.	Ottenheimer, Wm.	Richardson, Jno.	Runkle, J. M.—16.

FELLOW CRAFT:

Herron, A. M.—1.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Aikeman, Willis	Bostwick, E.	Bowman, B.	Stites, Amos—4.
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WITHDRAWN:

Rutherford, J. B.—1.

Arcata Lodge, No. 106.**Union, Humboldt County.***Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

B. Henry Wyman, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	Herman Fleishman, <i>Secretary,</i>
Isaac Manheim, <i>Sen. Warden.</i>	Isaac Culberg, <i>Sen. Deacon.</i>
John C. Bull, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	David Marsten, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
Augustus Jacoby, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Reuben Duncan, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Master:

J. R. Molony.

MASTER MASONS:

Beckwith, L. C.	Hulme, Geo.	McLean, H. H.	Stern, Henry
Block, A. J.	Juliard, C. L.	Nordheimer, B.	Stanislowsky, G.
Cushing, Horatio	Lake, H. W.	Nixon, Isaac	Strawbridge, J.
Daniels, H. S.	Ledingsten, H. Y.	Parker, R. F.	VanDyck, W.
Deming, Byron	Legg, F. W.	Roskill, Ferdinand	Wiley, R.
Farrel, J. D.	Love, G. J.	Siely, S. P.	Wilson, J. G.—36.
Fleishman, J.	Maxwell, J. M.	Sinsheimer, S.	

FELLOW-CRAFTS:

Murdock, H. H.	Newkirk, J. J.	Wiley, Austin—3.
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Mt. Jefferson Lodge, No. 107.

Garrote, Tuolumne County.

Stated Meetings, last Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Edward T. Harper, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	Jno. Macfarlane, <i>Secretary,</i>
Jno. B. Green, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	Thos. H. Burns, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
Harrison Low, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	Elias, J. Peterson, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
Jas. Tannahill, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Wm. C. Stewart, <i>Tyler.</i>

MASTER MASONS:

Arnhold, Wm.	Harris, Isaac	Plaster, J. H.	Stumper, Isaac
Blye, J. N.	Hubbard, Winslow	Shepherd, Jas.	Wheeler, Wm.—18.
Crocket, Amos	Jordan, W. R.		

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Campbell, M. M.	Dexter, A. G.—2.
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ENTERED APPRENTICE:

Underwood, J. R.—1.

Owen Lodge, No. 108.

Johnson's Bar, Siskiyou County.

Stated Meetings, Thursday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

Gilbert Lanphier, <i>Wor. Master.</i>	J. W. Sinclair, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
M. M. Nichols, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	Wm. Huff, <i>Jun. Deacon.</i>
Ephraim Durham, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	Chas. Travelli, <i>Marshal.</i>
W. H. St. John, <i>Treasurer,</i>	S. M. Boblet, { <i>Stewards.</i>
Jno. Reid, <i>Secretary.</i>	And. N. Elzy, }
E. L. Coldren, (of San Joaquin Lodge) <i>Tyler.</i>	

MASTER MASONS:

Armstrong, J. B.	Feagles, R. L.	Jost, Chas.	Robinson, J. M.
Berggrew, Aug.	Freeman, O. D.	Kilgannon, M. F.	Sawyer, J. C.
Buttles, J. F.	Haas, Augustin	Miller, Jos.	Simon, Siegmund
Cormack, Jas.	Hall, Solon	McLaughlin, J. B.	Soape, T. M.
Creegan, Jas.	Howard, J. T.	Pool, W. P.	Stevenson, J. W.
Douglass, Jas.	Hughes, J. L.	Rice, I. K.	Taggart, G. I.—34.

FELLOW CRAFT:

Breckenridge, J. L.—1.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Fisher, Jas.	Hicks, G. A.	Prindle, C. W.	White, M.—6.
Girouard, L.	Nicholson, Jas.		

WITHDRAWN:

DuVal, S. A.	Leamin, Chris.	Osborne, J. D.	* White, J. B. (E. A.)
Elzy, E. J.			—5.

DIED:

Sewards, Michael—1.

Dibble Lodge, No. 109.**Alpha, Nevada County.***Stated Meetings, Monday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

James B. Prewett, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	J. C. Ogden, <i>Secretary,</i>
W. W. Wixon, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	Hiram McKee, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
A. Frasier, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	Isaac Rich, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
_____, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Daniel Corlette, <i>Tyler,</i>

MASTER MASONS.

Bailey, F. E.	Hoffman, H. J.	Moore, A.	Steinmets, Chas.
Bimms, J. P.	Lausing, J. V. A.	Plain, Benj.	Sturtivant, J. H.—18
Bridges, Jas.	Merryman, B. S.	Prescott, L. R.	

FELLOW-CRAFTS:

Borrington, Albert	Woodruff, H. R.—2.
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ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Borrington, D. A.	Doolittle, A. J.	Jennings, J. J.	McCloud, F.—5.
Bosley, J. N.			

Pajaro Lodge, No. 110.**Watsonville, Santa Cruz County.***Stated Meetings, third Saturday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

N. A. Hicks, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	W. W. Joyce, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
Thos. M. Davis, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	J. W. Kitchen, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
L. A. See, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	Jas. Cathers, <i>Marshal,</i>
J. H. Blackburn, <i>Treasurer,</i>	C. G. Menasco, { <i>Stewards,</i>
J. B. Tyus, <i>Secretary,</i>	M. L. Menasco, }
	M. Gagnon, <i>Tyler.</i>

MASTER MASONS:

Barry, Edward	Johnson, J. G.	Sanborn, L.	White, J. F.
Ford, Chas.	Norris, J. A.	Sinclair, P.	Whitlock, H. G.—20.
Godchaux, L. D.			

FELLOW CRAFT:

Parrott, Beverly—1.

ENTERED APPRENTICE:

Carter, Chas.—1.

* Dismissed, with certificate to receive the remaining Degrees elsewhere.

Chico Lodge, No. 111.**Chico, Butte County.***Stated Meetings, third Saturday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

A. Wood, *Wor. Master*,
 J. B. Smith, *Sen. Warden*,
 J. Bidwell, *Jun. Warden*,
 E. B. Kimon, *Treasurer*,

C. Wheeler, *Secretary*,
 Alex. Burnes, *Sen. Deacon*,
 A. M. Sadorus, *Jun. Deacon*,
 W. E. Polk, *Tyler*.

MASTER MASONS:

Froman, S. Maine, A.
 Jennings, W. U.

Neal, Sam'l. Pence, M.—13.

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Middleton, W. O. Sparks, R. H.—2.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Burman, Louis Everts, Wm. J. Longmoor, A. C.—3.

Summit Lodge, No. 112.**Knight's Ferry, San Joaquin County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

M. C. Edwards, *Wor. Master*.
 S. Bishop, *Sen. Warden*,
 A. J. Lane, *Jun. Warden*.
 H. Palmer, *Treasurer*,

T. W. Lane, *Secretary*,
 A. McSarlee, *Sen. Deacon*,
 J. S. Snodgrass, *Jun. Deacon*,
 Joseph Dillon, *Tyler*.

MASTER MASONS:

Bently, J. D. Honigsberger, J. Stewart, W. E. Read, W. H.
 Dent, G. W. Skorm, J. H. Tyson, Jno. Whetstone, J. W.
 Harmon, Henry

—17.

Eden Lodge, No. 113.**San Leandro, Alameda County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday next succeeding Full moon.***OFFICERS:**

F. E. Edmondson, *Wor. Master*,
 Louis Lengfeld, *Sen. Warden*,
 Joseph Demont, *Jun. Warden*,
 C. B. Tool, *Treasurer*,

Wm. C. Pease, *Secretary*,
 Jos. H. Taylor, *Sen. Deacon*,
 Jno. W. Carrick, *Jun. Deacon*,
 J. L. Shinan, *Tyler*.

MASTER MASONS:

Broder, A. H. Dixon, E. F. Hamilton, Noble Norcross, L. M.
 Chauncey, Edmund DuBois, Jas. Hamilton, W. G. Vesey, H. M.—16.

FELLOW-CRAFTS:

Boone, G. W. Church, A. M.—2.

Mt. Zion Lodge, No. 114.**Grizzly Flat, El Dorado County.***Stated Meetings, Friday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

Wm. McKean, *Wor. Master*,
 N. C. Boswell, *Sen. Warden*,
 Jas. H. Watson, *Jun. Warden*,
 Lewis Abrahams, *Treasurer*,

G. W. McKean, *Secretary*,
 C. C. McLean, *Sen. Deacon*,
 E. Lawrence, *Jun. Deacon*,
 Alex. McCrary, *Tyler*,

MASTER MASONS:

Cobb, J. R.	Jacks, J. S.	Knox, Wm.	Steeley, J. W.
Finney, W. M.	Johnson, R. S.	McKean, F.	Strohn, D. W.—18.
Goldstein, S.	King, Elijah		

ENTERED APPRENTICE:

Heath, G. W.—1.

St. Mark's Lodge, No. 115.**Fiddletown, El Dorado County.***Stated Meetings, Wednesday next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

F. L. Sullivan, <i>Wor. Master.</i>	Thos. Horan, <i>Secretary,</i>
A. B. Rowland, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	F. G. Hoard, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
T. M. Horrell, <i>Jun. Warden.</i>	C. F. M. W. Goldkofer, <i>Jun. Deacon.</i>
Aeneas Quinn, <i>Treasurer,</i>	H. A. Kuchenthal, <i>Tyler.</i>

MASTER MASONS:

Fitzgerald, H. W. Horrell, A. B. Hunstable, J. A. Wilson, Monroe—12.

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Blum, I. Wood, A. P.—2.

Windsor Lodge, No. 116.**Windsor, Sierra County.***Stated Meetings,* _____**OFFICERS:**

Henry P. Benton, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	Paul Serand, <i>Secretary,</i>
Wm. P. Young, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	Heiman Cohn, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
R. R. Johnson, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	Wm. McClure, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
Richard Galway, <i>Treasurer,</i>	H. L. Brown, <i>Tyler.</i>

MASTER MASONS:

Discumbus, Francis Morin, L. F.—10.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Alexander, Jacob	Davis, J. D.	Sampson, J. D.	Sperry, J. A.—6.
Armer, Morris	Dohl, John		

Folsom Lodge, U. D.**Folsom, Sacramento County.***Stated Meetings, Thursday of or next preceding Full Moon.*

Leverett Bradley, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	W. D. Hees, <i>Secretary,</i>
Calvin Hall, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	A. O. Carr, <i>Sen. Deacon.</i>
John Waters, <i>Jun. Warden.</i>	Wm. Dresser, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
H. F. Kellum, <i>Treasurer,</i>	J. W. Gaylord, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Master:

Leverett Bradley.

MASTER MASONS:

Barker, J. Cole, G. M. Meredith, J. S. Palmer, C. T. H.—12.

FELLOW-CRAFTS:

Griggs, Geo. Kullman, L. Timson, Wm. Waddelon, H. B.—4.

ENTERED APPRENTICE:

Tait, A. J.—1.

LIST OF LODGES NOW IN EXISTENCE:

WITH A SUMMARY OF THEIR RETURNS FOR THE MASONIC YEAR ENDING MARCH 4TH, A. L. 5857.

NAMES OF LODGES.	PLACE OF LOCATION.		DATE WHEN CHARTER WAS ORDERED.	Initiated	Passed.....	Raised.....	Joined.....	Withdrawn....	Stricken from Roll.....	Suspended....	Expelled.....	Died.....	Rejected.....	E. Apprentices	Fellow Crafts.	Mast. Masons.
	TOWN.	COUNTY.														
1 CALIFORNIA, ...	San Francisco, ...	San Francisco, ...	April 19, 1850	14	10	15	18	10	8				3	31	11	174
2 WESTERN STAR, ...	Shasta, ...	Shasta, ...	" "	27	26	26	12	6					6	6	3	80
3 TEHAMA, ...	Sacramento, ...	Sacramento, ...	" "	6	6	6	14	11				1	10	2	83	
4 BENICIA, ...	Solano, ...	Solano, ...	" "	5	5	5	8	3						1	1	36
5 SAN FRANCISCO, ...	San Francisco, ...	San Francisco, ...	Nov. 27, "	9	7	7	3	10	15					5	4	74
6 TULUINE, ...	Tuolumne, ...	Tuolumne, ...	" "	10	8	11	1	10	5					5	3	63
7 MARYSVILLE, ...	Yuba, ...	Yuba, ...	" "	7	8	6	5	3	6					1	2	47
8 SAN JOSE, ...	San Jose, ...	San Jose, ...	" "	7	5	5	1	6	4			3		10	2	60
9 YOUNT, ...	Napa, ...	Napa, ...	May 6, 1851	12	9	10	8	8						3		37
10 NEVADA, ...	Nevada, ...	Nevada, ...	" "	6	6	6	16	9				1		6	6	67
11 TEMPLE, ...	Sonoma, ...	Sonoma, ...	" "	6	6	6	4	2					1	2	5	37
12 EUREKA, ...	Auburn, ...	Auburn, ...	Nov. 7, "	3	1	1	1	1						1	2	15
13 PARADE UNION, ...	San Francisco, ...	San Francisco, ...	May 5, 1852	5	4	4	1	3	1			3	2	6	3	28
14 MOUNTAIN SHADE, ...	Downieville, ...	Downieville, ...	" "	16	17	14	12	10	7			1	2	2	3	54
15 SAN JOAQUIN, ...	Stockton, ...	Stockton, ...	" "	3	2	3	5	9	1					4		36
16 WASHINGTON, ...	Sacramento, ...	Sacramento, ...	" "	10	4	4	9	1						11	6	100
17 HAWAIIAN, ...	Honolulu, ...	Hawaiian Islands, ...	" "	6	5	7	3	10						5	4	43
18 OCCIDENTAL, ...	San Francisco, ...	San Francisco, ...	" 29, "	1		1	1	3	6			1	1	13	8	65
19 MADISON, ...	Grass Valley, ...	Nevada, ...	May 5, 1853	13	13	12	14	9	1			1	5	9	4	63
20 MARIPOSA, ...	Mariposa, ...	Mariposa, ...	" "	7	4	4	4	7	6			1	5	5	7	61
21 GEORGETOWN, ...	Georgetown, ...	El Dorado, ...	" "	14	11	11	8	23	3			1	2	4	15	60
22 EL DORADO, ...	Placerville, ...	El Dorado, ...	" 6, "	11	11	9	5	18	2			2	4	4	2	52
23 TRINITY, ...	Waverlyville, ...	Trinity, ...	" 5, "	16	12	11	10	9				1	12	4	5	60
24 COLUMBIA, ...	Columbia, ...	Tuolumne, ...	" "	16	17	15	6	8	4				5	4	3	70
25 DIAMOND, ...	Diamond Springs, ...	El Dorado, ...	" "	8	8	5	1	9					1		3	31

26	GOLDEN GATE, . . .	San Francisco, . . .	May	5	1853	24	21	20	9	5	...	...	...	3	9	6	102
27	MOKELUMNE, . . .	Mokelumne Hill, . . .	"	"	"	6	7	8	1	2	...	1	...	3	16	4	37
28	GOLD HILL, . . .	Gold Hill, . . .	"	"	"	2	2	1	3	3	1	...	...	3	4	31	42
29	ORIE, . . .	Murphy's Camp, . . .	"	"	"	2	3	3	3	17	2	...	...	1	2	2	34
30	SANTA CLARA, . . .	Santa Clara, . . .	"	"	"	3	3	5	1	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	31
31	SAN DIEGO, . . .	San Diego, . . .	"	7	"	3	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	2	28
32	BETTE, . . .	Bidwell's Bar, . . .	May	3	1854	4	4	5	2	2	...	...	...	2	2	...	36
33	ST. JOHN S., . . .	Yreka, . . .	"	"	"	12	13	14	1	24	6	...	...	8	4	3	33
34	SANTA CRUZ, . . .	Santa Cruz, . . .	"	"	"	5	6	8	5	14	...	...	...	1	3	1	28
35	YUBA, . . .	Marysville, . . .	"	"	"	6	4	3	4	6	1	...	...	1	3	2	42
36	SACRAMENTO, . . .	Sacramento, . . .	"	"	"	1	1	1	7	5	...	...	...	2	...	...	37
37	MARTINEZ, . . .	Contra Costa, . . .	"	"	"	6	6	6	2	2	...	1	...	1	4	2	36
38	LOS ANGELES, . . .	Los Angeles, . . .	"	5	"	10	9	7	8	3	...	1	...	3	4	48	36
39	IRAM, . . .	El Dorado, . . .	"	3	"	8	8	9	1	5	...	...	...	1	...	...	131
40	MOUNT MORIAH, . . .	San Francisco, . . .	"	"	"	12	14	12	20	22	5	...	...	2	2	15	6
41	CRESCENT, . . .	Crescent City, . . .	"	"	"	5	4	4	6	1	9	...	1	...	6	...	27
42	TEXAS, . . .	San Juan, . . .	"	4	"	7	4	4	5	1	1	...	...	1	7	...	1
43	MICHIGAN CITY, . . .	Michigan City, . . .	"	3	"	8	9	9	8	8	...	...	...	...	1	1	46
44	LEBANON, . . .	San Francisco, . . .	"	"	"	5	4	6	...	7	...	...	...	2	2	1	30
45	FORESTOWN, . . .	Portestown, . . .	"	"	"	3	4	6	1	4	2	...	...	...	3	1	40
46	ILLINOISTOWN, . . .	Illinoistown, . . .	"	"	"	3	4	5	2	14	2	...	...	...	3	3	35
47	ROUGH AND READY, . . .	Rough and Ready, . . .	"	"	"	3	3	2	2	7	4	...	...	...	1	6	3
48	ST. JAMES, . . .	Jamesstown, . . .	May	2	1855	12	12	9	2	1	...	...	...	1	2	3	29
49	SUISUN, . . .	Suisun, . . .	"	"	"	8	9	10	2	8	...	...	...	1	8	1	48
50	VOLCANO, . . .	Volcano, . . .	"	"	"	11	9	7	12	3	...	...	...	2	4	2	45
51	SANTA ROSA, . . .	Santa Rosa, . . .	"	"	"	7	8	7	1	9	...	1	...	3	1	30	42
52	UNION, . . .	Sacramento, . . .	"	"	"	5	6	8	6	7	...	...	...	4	1	3	45
53	GRAVEL RANGE, . . .	Camptonville, . . .	"	"	"	13	5	8	2	6	...	...	...	2	9	3	45
54	PLUMAS, . . .	Quincy, . . .	"	"	"	2	2	1	1	2	...	...	...	1	...	1	21
55	LIVE OAK, . . .	Oakland, . . .	"	"	"	8	5	2	2	4	...	...	...	...	6	1	24
56	GEO. WASHINGTON, . . .	Chinese, . . .	"	3	"	6	4	6	1	2	...	...	...	...	9	5	36
57	IOWA HILL, . . .	Iowa Hill, . . .	"	"	"	10	8	12	...	7	1	...	...	1	9	4	26
58	NATOMA, . . .	Mormon Island, . . .	"	"	"	6	7	7	3	7	4	...	...	1	3	2	25
59	AMADOR, . . .	Sacramento, . . .	"	"	"	19	13	12	4	...	...	...	...	8	5	7	57
60	FOREST, . . .	Forest City, . . .	"	"	"	9	10	12	3	11	5	1	...	3	5	...	35
61	MINNESOTA, . . .	Sierra, . . .	"	"	"	9	10	12	3	11	5	1	...	3	5	...	35

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	TOWN.	COUNTY.														
62 MORNING STAR,...	Stockton,.....	San Joaquin,....	May 2, 1855	3	6	7	8	8	1	1	..	..	2	2	..	34
63 CORINTHIAN,.....	Marysville,.....	Yuba,.....	" " "	6	5	3	3	2	..	..	..	1	4	4	3	33
64 ENTERPRISE,.....	Yuba City,.....	Sutter,.....	" " "	"	1	5	4	1	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	34
65 NEBRASKA,.....	Michigan Bar,....	Sacramento,....	" " "	10	10	8	..	6	..	..	..	..	5	2	2	23
66 E. K. KANE,.....	Nevada,.....	Nevada,.....	" " "	"	5	4	2	9	..	..	..	..	1	3	3	31
67 TYRO,.....	Drytown,.....	Amador,.....	" " "	5	3	2	1	2	..	..	..	..	2	3	2	22
68 WISCONSIN HILL,...	Wisconsin Hill,...	Placer,.....	" " "	11	11	10	..	3	..	..	..	..	2	3	1	25
69 MOUNTAIN FOREST,...	Eureka North,....	Sierra,.....	" 3, " "	14	15	18	2	11	..	..	..	..	1	3	3	28
70 BEAR MOUNTAIN,...	Angel's Camp,....	Calaveras,....	" " "	5	4	2	2	1	..	..	..	1	7	1	3	22
71 PETALUMA,.....	Sonoma,.....	Sonoma,.....	" " "	9	6	5	5	8	..	..	..	1	1	5	5	38
72 CALAVERAS,.....	San Andreas,....	Calaveras,....	" " "	11	7	7	1	1	2	..	..	2	9	5	2	27
73 HUMBOLDT,.....	Bucksport,.....	Humboldt,....	" " "	6	5	5	5	5	..	..	..	..	1	6	..	24
74 IONE,.....	Ione Valley,....	Amador,.....	July 1, 1856	5	5	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	4	2	1	19
75 YOLO,.....	Yolo,.....	Yolo,.....	" " "	2	1	..	3	3	..	..	..	..	1	2	2	19
76 MOUNTAIN,.....	Don Pedro's Bar,...	Tuolumne,....	" " "	3	2	3	7	2	..	..	..	..	2	2	2	22
77 RISING STAR,....	Todd's Valley,....	Placer,.....	" " "	8	4	4	2	3	..	..	..	..	1	3	4	21
78 VESPER,.....	Red Bluffs,.....	Shasta,.....	" 9, " "	9	7	5	2	3	..	..	..	..	4	4	3	21
79 INDIAN DIGGINGS,...	El Dorado,.....	El Dorado,....	" 8, " "	12	9	7	6	2	..	..	..	..	1	5	1	26
80 ST. LOUIS,.....	St. Louis,.....	Sierra,.....	" " "	2	2	7	2	2	..	..	..	..	6	4	4	41
81 NAVAL,.....	Vallejo,.....	Solano,.....	" " "	21	19	17	8	4	..	..	..	..	1	5	3	21
82 QUITMAN,.....	Orleans Flat,....	Nevada,.....	" " "	7	6	6	1	2	1	..	..	..	3	1	..	31
83 ROSE'S BAR,.....	Empire Ranch,....	Yuba,.....	" " "	4	4	5	2	2	..	..	..	..	3	2	2	19
84 POLAR STAR,.....	Forks Poor Man's Creek	Plumas,.....	" " "	10	6	8	4	2	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	28
85 NORTH STAR,.....	Indian Creek,....	Siskiyou,....	" " "	9	8	4	5	4	..	..	..	..	1	4	4	31
86 ACACIA,.....	Coloma,.....	El Dorado,....	" " "	2	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	14
87 CAYMUS,.....	Yountville,....	Napa,.....	" " "	15	11	7	2	3	..	..	..	1	..	9	6	22
88 MOUNT HERMON,...	Elizabethtown,...	Plumas,.....	" " "	1	2	3	2	2	..	..	..	..	3	3	..	24
89 HENRY CLAY,.....	Sutter Creek,....	Amador,.....	" " "	1	2	3	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24

90	HOWARD,.....	96	Yreka,.....	Siskiyou,.....	May	8, 1856	13	10	8	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	30
91	JEFFERSON,.....	97	Rabbit Creek,.....	Sierra,.....	"	"	12	11	12	5	3	..	1	..	..	..	5	1	41
92	QUARTZBURG,.....	98	Quartzburg,.....	Mariposa,.....	"	"	4	5	4	2	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	26
93	LA GRANGE,.....	99	La Grange,.....	Stanislaus,.....	"	"	12	11	10	14	3	..	..	..	1	11	4	37	
94	CAMPO SECO,.....	100	Campo Seco,.....	Calaveras,.....	"	"	2	2	3	1	2	..	..	..	2	..	1	25	
95	CLAY,.....	101	Dutch Flat,.....	Placer,.....	"	"	1	2	3	4	..	..	..	..	3	2	1	20	
96	MANZANITA,.....	102	San Juan,.....	Nevada,.....	"	"	9	11	11	2	2	..	..	..	1	5	1	33	
97	OROVILLE,.....	103	Oroville,.....	Butte,.....	"	"	19	14	12	11	3	..	..	..	1	3	5	38	
98	LEXINGTON,.....	104	Lexington,.....	Los Angeles,.....	"	15,	1	1	1	3	3	..	..	..	1	1	..	25	
99	SISKIYOU,.....	105	Henley,.....	Siskiyou,.....	"	"	8	5	4	1	1	..	..	..	..	4	1	16	
100	ARCATA,.....	106	Union,.....	Humboldt,.....	May	14, 1857	15	15	12	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	36	
101	MT. JEFFERSON,...	107	Garrote,.....	Tuolumne,.....	"	"	8	7	5	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	18	
102	OWEN,.....	108	Johnson's Bar,.....	Siskiyou,.....	"	"	34	27	26	..	5	..	..	..	1	3	6	1	34
103	DIBBLE,.....	109	Alpha,.....	Nevada,.....	"	"	18	13	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	2	18
104	PAJARO,.....	110	Watsonville,.....	Santa Cruz,.....	"	"	3	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	20	
105	CHICO,.....	111	Chico,.....	Butte,.....	"	"	10	7	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	13	
106	SUMMIT,.....	112	Knights' Ferry,.....	San Joaquin,...	"	"	3	3	3	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	17	
107	EDEN,.....	113	San Leandro,.....	Alameda,.....	"	"	7	8	6	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	16	
108	MT. ZION,.....	114	Grizzly Flat,.....	El Dorado,.....	"	"	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	18	
109	ST. MARK'S,.....	115	Fiddletown,.....	Amador,.....	"	"	6	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	12	
110	WINDSOR,.....	116	Windsor,.....	Sierra,.....	"	"	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	10	
111	CONCORD,.....	117	Sacramento,.....	Sacramento,.....	"	15,	5	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	..	
112	FOLSOM,.....	U.D.	Folsom,.....	Sacramento,.....	"	"	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	12	
113	VALLECITO,.....	U.D.	Vallecito,.....	Calaveras,.....	"	"	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	

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NOTE.—The Grand Secretary is very happy to announce that all the Lodges in this jurisdiction have this year completed their returns in time for publication. Those of Arcata, No. 106, and the following Lodges, were made to May 1st, being for the period of their Dispensations.

EXPULSIONS AND SUSPENSIONS DURING THE YEAR.

EXPULLED :

THOMAS CHIETO,.....	"	<i>Parfaite Union</i>	"	"	17,
J. M. GARDNER,.....	"	<i>Mountain Shade</i>	"	"	18,
SAMUEL P. NYE,.....	"	<i>Georgetown</i>	"	"	25,
PHILIP STRELITZ,.....	"	<i>Diamond</i>	"	"	29,
F. SNYDER,.....	"	<i>Mokelumne</i>	"	"	31,
WILLIAM HOOK,.....	"	<i>Martinez</i>	"	"	41,
J. A. BOWDEN,.....	"	<i>Hiram</i>	"	"	43,
D. N. ALLAN,.....	"	<i>Iowa Hill</i>	"	"	63,
JACOB TIEHL,.....	"	<i>Amador</i>	"	"	65,
ELIJAH RAY,.....	"	<i>Minnesota</i>	"	"	67,
WM. TEKUSCH, (E. A.).....	"	<i>St. Louis</i>	"	"	86,
J. J. MAY,.....	"	<i>Caymus</i>	"	"	93,

SUSPENDED :

J. C. BLAKENEY,.....	by	<i>Temple</i>	<i>Lodge, No.</i>	14,
F. W. THAYER,.....	"	<i>Madison</i>	"	23,
R. L. GREEN,.....	"	<i>Mariposa</i>	"	24,
OBED MACY,.....	"	<i>Los Angeles</i>	"	42,
JOHN RIX HALE,.....	"	<i>Crescent</i>	"	45,
JOSEPH HARRIS,.....	"	<i>Union</i>	"	58,
A. L. BOURS,.....	"	<i>Morning Star</i>	"	68,
THOMAS GEAGHAM,.....	"	<i>Mount Hermon</i>	"	94,
J. O. BRIEN,.....	"	<i>Jefferson</i>	"	97,
JOHN H. INNETT,.....	"	<i>Quartzburg</i>	"	98,

GRAND OFFICERS,

Elected since the Organization of the Grand Lodge of California.

1850.

JONATHAN D. STEVENSON,	Grand Master.
JOHN A. TUTT,	Dep. Grand Master.
CALEB FENNER,	Sen. Grand Warden.
SASCHEL WOODS,*	Jun. Grand Warden.
LEVI STOWELL,*	Grand Treasurer.
JOHN H. GIBON,	Grand Secretary.

1851.

JOHN A. TUTT,	Grand Master.
BENJ. D. HYAM,	Dep. Grand Master.
E. F. W. ELLIS,	Sen. Grand Warden.
B. S. OLDS,	Jun. Grand Warden.
T. A. THOMAS,	Grand Treasurer.
LEVI STOWELL,*	Grand Secretary.

1852.

BENJ. D. HYAM,	Grand Master.
CHAS. M. RADCLIFF,	Dep. Grand Master.
ADOLPHUS HOLLUB,	Sen. Grand Warden.
J. R. MCCONNELL,	Jun. Grand Warden.
ADDISON MARTIN,	Grand Treasurer.
LEVI STOWELL,*	Grand Secretary.

1853.

CHAS. M. RADCLIFF,	Grand Master.
T. A. THOMAS,	Dep. Grand Master.
JOHN R. CRANDALL,	Sen. Grand Warden.
RICHARD F. KNOTT,	Jun. Grand Warden.
ADDISON MARTIN,	Grand Treasurer.
LEVI STOWELL,*	Grand Secretary.

1854.

WM. H. HOWARD,	Grand Master.
N. GREENE CURTIS,	Dep. Grand Master.
RECTOR E. COLE,	Sen. Grand Warden.
ROBERT N. WOOD,	Jun. Grand Warden.
ADDISON MARTIN,	Grand Treasurer.
LEVI STOWELL,*	Grand Secretary.

1855.

WM. H. HOWARD,	Grand Master.
T. A. THOMAS,	Dep. Grand Master.
J. A. RAYMOND,	Sen. Grand Warden.
SAMUEL A. MERRITT,	Jun. Grand Warden.
ADDISON MARTIN,	Grand Treasurer.
LEVI STOWELL,*	Grand Secretary.

1856.

WM. H. HOWARD,	Grand Master.
J. A. RAYMOND,	Dep. Grand Master.
LEMUEL LYON,	Sen. Grand Warden.
P. W. RANDLE,	Jun. Grand Warden.
ADDISON MARTIN,	Grand Treasurer.
ALEX. G. ABELL,	Grand Secretary.

1857.

N. GREENE CURTIS,	Grand Master.
CHARLES MARSH,	Dep. Grand Master.
AARON D. PARK,	Sen. Grand Warden.
JOHN B. BOPE,	Jun. Grand Warden.
ADDISON MARTIN,	Grand Treasurer.
ALEX. G. ABELL,	Grand Secretary.

* Deceased.

GRAND LODGES

IN COMMUNICATION WITH

The Grand Lodge of California.

In the United States of America.

GRAND LODGES.	* GRAND SECRETARIES.	RESIDENCE.
ALABAMA, ...	AMAND P. PFISTER, ...	Montgomery.
ARKANSAS, ...	THOMAS D. MERRICK, ...	Little Rock.
CONNECTICUT, ...	ELIPHALET G. STORER, ...	New Haven.
DELAWARE, ...	DANIEL R. WOLFE, ...	New Castle.
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, ...	GEORGE C. WHITING, ...	Washington.
FLORIDA, ...	JOHN B. TAYLOR, ...	Tallahassee.
GEORGIA, ...	SMITH ROSE, ...	Macon.
ILLINOIS, ...	HARMON G. REYNOLDS, ...	Knoxville.
INDIANA, ...	FRANCIS KING, ...	Indianapolis.
IOWA, ...	T. S. PARVIN, ...	Muscatine.
KANSAS, ...	CHAS. F. HARRISON, ...	Leavenworth.
KENTUCKY, ...	JOHN M. S. McCORKLE, ...	Greensburg.
LOUISIANA, ...	SAMUEL G. RISK, ...	New Orleans.
MAINE, ...	IRA BERRY, ...	Portland.
MARYLAND, ...	JOSEPH ROBINSON, ...	Baltimore.
MASSACHUSETTS, ...	CHARLES W. MOORE, ...	Boston.
MICHIGAN, ...	JAMES FENTON, ...	Detroit.
MINNESOTA, ...	HENRY REYNOLDS, ...	St. Anthony.
MISSISSIPPI, ...	R. W. T. DANIEL, ...	Jackson.
MISSOURI, ...	A. O'SULLIVAN, ...	St. Louis.
NEW HAMPSHIRE, ...	HORACE CHASE, ...	Hopkinton.
NEW JERSEY, ...	JOSEPH H. HOUGH, ...	Trenton.
NEW YORK, ...	JAMES M. AUSTIN, ...	New York.
NORTH CAROLINA, ...	WILLIAM T. BAIN, ...	Raleigh.
OHIO, ...	JOHN D. CALDWELL, ...	Cincinnati.
OREGON, ...	WM. S. CALDWELL, ...	Portland.
PENNSYLVANIA, ...	WILLIAM H. ADAMS, ...	Philadelphia.
RHODE ISLAND, ...	WILLIAM C. BARBER, ...	Providence.
SOUTH CAROLINA, ...	ALBERT G. MACKEY, ...	Charleston.
TENNESSEE, ...	CHARLES A. FULLER, ...	Nashville.
TEXAS, ...	A. S. RUTHVEN, ...	Houston.
VERMONT, ...	JOHN B. HOLLENBECK, ...	Burlington.
VIRGINIA, ...	JOHN DOVE, ...	Richmond.
WISCONSIN, ...	WILLIAM R. SMITH, ...	Mineral Point.

Foreign Grand Bodies.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE, OF CANADA WEST,	} FRANCIS RICHARDSON, ...	Toronto.
GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE, ..		
GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND, ..	ADOLPHE PERIER, ...	Paris.
NATIONAL MOTHER GRAND LODGE OF THE THREE GLOBES, IN PRUSSIA,	} WM. ALEX'R LAURIE, ...	Edinburg.
GRAND ORIENT OF BELGIUM, ..		
GRAND LODGE OF GERMANY, ..	JAC. RUD. MERTEN, ...	Berlin.
	L. THEREMIN, ...	Brussels.
	KARL ED'D MANCHE, ...	Berlin.

* Prepared from the latest intelligence received.

Grand Lodge of California.

I, ALEXANDER G. ABELL, Grand Secretary of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California, do hereby certify that the following pages contain a true and faithful transcript of the proceedings of that body at its ninth Annual Communication, commenced at the City of Sacramento on Tuesday, the eleventh day of May, A. L. 5858, and of the returns of the subordinate Lodges and other matters authorized to be published.



In Testimony Whereof,

I have hereunto appended my official signature, and have affixed the Seal of the Grand Lodge of the State of California, at the office of the Grand Secretary in the City of San Francisco, this twelfth day of June, A. L. 5858.

Alex G. Abell
Grand Sec.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
M.:W.:GRAND LODGE
OF
Free and Accepted Masons
OF THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
AT THE
NINTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

HELD AT
The Masonic Hall, in the City of Sacramento;
COMMENCED ON
TUESDAY, MAY 11TH, A. D. 1858, A. L. 5858,

AND TERMINATED ON
MONDAY, MAY 17TH, A. D. 1858, A. L. 5858.

Ordered to be Read in all the Lodges.

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GRAND OFFICERS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA,

FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING MAY, A. L. 5858.

M. W. N. GREENE CURTIS,	GRAND MASTER,	.....	<i>Sacramento</i> ;
R. W. P. W. SHEPHEARD,	DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,	.....	<i>San Francisco</i> ;
" " WM. McCORMICK,	SENIOR GRAND WARDEN,	.....	<i>Grass Valley</i> ;
" " JAS. W. BICKNELL,	JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN,	.....	<i>Volcano</i> ;
" " ADDISON MARTIN,	GRAND TREASURER,	.....	<i>San Francisco</i> ;
" " ALEX. G. ABELL,	GRAND SECRETARY,	.....	<i>San Francisco</i> ;
Rev. & W. WM. H. HILL,	GRAND CHAPLAIN,	.....	<i>Sacramento</i> ;
W. JAMES L. ENGLISH,	GRAND ORATOR,	.....	<i>Sacramento</i> ;
" LAWRENCE C. OWEN,	ASST. GRAND SECRETARY,	.....	<i>San Francisco</i> ;
" THOMAS P. HAWLEY,	GRAND MARSHAL,	.....	<i>Nevada</i> ;
" JOHN M. TINGLEY,	GRAND STANDARD BEARER,	.....	<i>St. Louis</i> ;
" ISAAC N. BARNES,	GRAND SWORD BEARER,	.....	<i>Placerville</i> ;
" GEORGE C. YOUNT,	GRAND BIBLE BEARER,	.....	<i>Yountville</i> ;
" WILLIAM McKEAN,	SENIOR GRAND DEACON,	.....	<i>Grizzly Flat</i> ;
" E. H. VAN DECAR,	JUNIOR GRAND DEACON,	.....	<i>Iowa Hill</i> ;
" GILBERT LANPHIER,	} GRAND STEWARDS,	.....	{ <i>Johnson's Bar</i> ;
" LEWIS REYNOLDS,			
" HENRY L. DAVIS,	GRAND ORGANIST,	.....	<i>San Francisco</i> ;
" N. DENNIS WITT,	GRAND PURSUIVANT,	.....	<i>Oroville</i> ;
" O. D. CHAFEE,	GRAND TYLER,	.....	<i>Sacramento</i> .

TRUSTEES OF THE MASONIC HALL FUND:

W. JOHN F. MORSE,	.....	<i>Sacramento</i> ;
" JAMES L. ENGLISH,	.....	<i>Sacramento</i> ;
" RECTOR E. COLE,	.....	<i>San Francisco</i> .

GRAND LODGE

OF

Free and Accepted Masons

OF THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

NINTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California commenced its Ninth Annual Communication at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Sacramento, on Tuesday, the eleventh day of May, A. L. 5858, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Upon calling the roll of members, there were found present the following:—

GRAND OFFICERS:

The M. W.	N. GREENE CURTIS,	<i>Grand Master ;</i>
R. W.	CHARLES MARSH,	<i>Deputy Grand Master ;</i>
" "	AARON D. PARK,	<i>Senior Grand Warden ;</i>
" "	JOHN B. BOPE,	<i>Junior Grand Warden ;</i>
" "	ADDISON MARTIN,	<i>Grand Treasurer ;</i>
" "	ALEX. G. ABELL,	<i>Grand Secretary ;</i>
Rev. and W.	O. C. WHEELER,	<i>Grand Chaplain ;</i>
W.	L. C. OWEN,	<i>Asst. Grand Secretary ;</i>
"	EDGAR BOGARDUS,	<i>Grand Standard Bearer ;</i>
"	GEORGE C. YOUNT,	<i>Grand Bible Bearer ;</i>
"	E. LANE,	<i>Grand Steward ;</i>
"	H. L. DAVIS,	<i>Grand Organist ;</i>
"	O. D. CHAFEE,	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

PAST GRAND OFFICERS :

The M. W.	JOHN A. TUTT,	<i>Past Grand Master ;</i>
" "	WM. H. HOWARD,	<i>Past Grand Master ;</i>
R. W.	J. A. RAYMOND,	<i>Past Deputy Grand Master ;</i>
" "	ADOLPHUS HOLLUB,	<i>Past Senior Grand Warden ;</i>
" "	JOHN R. CRANDALL,	<i>Past Senior Grand Warden ;</i>

And the representatives of seventy-nine chartered Lodges, together with a large number of Past Masters entitled to seats.

The Grand Master filled the vacant places by the following appointments, *pro tempore* :—

The W. HENRY F. WILLIAMS, as.....*Grand Orator*;
 “ WM. F. KNOX,.....as.....*Grand Marshal*;
 “ C. C. GREEN,.....as.....*Grand Sword Bearer*;
 “ CHARLES RAISH,.....as.....*Senior Grand Deacon*;
 “ URIAH EDWARDS,.....as.....*Junior Grand Deacon*;
 “ ALANSON WHELAN,.....as.....*Grand Steward*;
 “ J. E. STEVENS,.....as.....*Grand Pursuivant*.

There being a sufficient representation, the Grand Lodge of California was opened in *Ample Form*, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master announced the following committee —

	{	Bro. William H. Howard,
		“ Addison Martin,
On Credentials,.....		“ Jas. W. Bicknell,
		“ John W. Harville,
		“ J. E. Stevens.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 2 o'clock, this afternoon.

In Grand Lodge.

AFTERNOON SESSION, }
 Tuesday, May 11th, A. L. 5858. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 2 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Master presiding.

Bro. WM. H. HOWARD, from the Committee on Credentials, reported the following officers and representatives of chartered Lodges, and Past Masters holding membership within this jurisdiction, as present and entitled to seats in the Grand Lodge, viz. : from

California,.....No. 1,...	{	HENRY F. WILLIAMS, Worshipful Master ;
		BENJ. H. FREEMAN, Senior Warden ;
		WM. H. LYON, Junior Warden ;
		ALEX. G. ABELL, Past Master.
Western Star,.....No. 2,...	{	J. A. RAYMOND, Worshipful Master and P. M. ;
		H. H. SHUFFLETON, Senior Warden ;
		WHITING G. WEST, } Past Masters.
		JOSEPH ISAACS, }

- Tehama*,.....No. 3,... { A. T. NELSON, Worshipful Master and P. M. ;
GEO. H. CARTTER, Senior Warden and P. M. ;
JOHN A. TUTT, } Past Masters.
O. D. CHAFEE, }
- Benicia*,.....No. 5,... { WM. S. WELLS, Worshipful Master and P. M. ;
JOHN M. NEVILLE, Past Master.
- San Francisco*,...No. 7,... { ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, Wor. Master and P. M. ;
JOHN WADE, Senior Warden ;
ADDISON MARTIN, Past Master.
- Tuolumne*,.....No. 8,.....W. W. TRAYLOR, Past Master.
- Marysville*,.....No. 9,.....C. A. HATHWELL, Senior Warden.
- San Jose*,.....No. 10,... { CHAS. F. WILLEY, Senior Warden ;
WM. H. HOWARD, } Past Masters.
JOHN B. HEWSON, }
- Yount*, ...No. 12,.....JOHN H. SEAWELL, P. M. and Representative.
- Nevada*,.....No. 13,.....THOS. P. HAWLEY, Wor. Master and P. M.
- Eureka*,.....No. 16,... { M. P. H. LOVE, Worshipful Master ;
J. R. CRANDALL, Past Master.
- Parfaite Union*,..No. 17,.....BERNARD DENNERY, Junior Warden.
- Mountain Shade*,No.18,... { JOHN S. VAN DYKE, Worshipful Master ;
SAMUEL W. LANGTON, Senior Warden ;
LEWIS REYNOLDS, Past Master.
- Washington*,.....No. 20,... { H. C. HARRISON, Worshipful Master ;
EDWARD E. EYRE, Senior Warden ;
JAMES S. JAMISON, Junior Warden ;
N. GREENE CURTIS, } Past Masters.
G. I. N. MONELL,
H. H. HARTLEY,
ISAAC DAVIS, }
- Hawaiian*, ...No. 21,.....ALEX. G. ABELL, Representative.
- Madison*,.....No. 23,... { WM. MCCORMICK, Wor. Master and P. M. ;
O. H. DIBBLE, Past Master.
- Mariposa*, ...No. 24,.....WM. A. KING, Worshipful Master and P. M.
- Georgetown*,.....No. 25,.....A. D. ROCK, Representative.
- El Dorado*,.....No. 26,... { EDGAR BOGARDUS, Worshipful Master and P.M. ;
ISAAC N. BARNES, Senior Warden ;
W. A. JANUARY, Past Master.
- Columbia*,.....No. 28,.....JAMES A. JACKSON, Past Master.
- Diamond*, ...No. 29,... { AARON D. PARK, Worshipful Master and P. M. ;
EDWARD H. EVANS, proxy for Senior Warden ;
WM. R. RISON, Junior Warden.
- Golden Gate*,....No. 30,.....LAWRENCE C. OWEN, Past Master.
- Gold Hill*,.....No. 32,... { JAMES HOLCOMB, proxy for Worshipful Master ;
E. SYLVESTER, proxy for Senior Warden ;
D. V. MASON, Junior Warden.

- E. K. Kane*,.....No. 72,... { T. H. ROLFE, Worshipful Master ;
SOL. KOHLMAN, Senior Warden ;
CHARLES MARSH, } Past Masters.
C. C. GREEN, }
- Tyro*, ...No. 73,.....W. T. CURTIS, Worshipful Master.
- Petaluma*, ...No. 77,.....URIAH EDWARDS, Worshipful Master.
- Humboldt*,.....No. 79,.....W. L. FERGUSON, Worshipful Master.
- Yolo*,.....No. 81,... { N. WYCKOFF, Worshipful Master ;
JOHN D. STEPHENS, Senior Warden.
- Rising Star*,.....No. 83,... { J. W. HARVILLE, Worshipful Master and P. M. ;
JOHN M. MINER, Junior Warden.
- Vesper*, ...No. 84,.....J. G. DOLL, Past Master and Representative.
- Indian Diggings*, No. 85,.....J. B. CARTER, Worshipful Master and P. M.
- St. Louis*,... ..No. 86,.....J. M. TINGLEY, Worshipful Master and P. M.
- Naval*,.....No. 87,.....NATHAN FLANDERS, Senior Warden.
- Quitman*,.....No. 88,... { R. B. MOYES, Worshipful Master ;
W. C. WOOD, proxy for Senior Warden.
- Rose's Bar*,.....No. 89,.....A. L. MORRISON, Worshipful Master.
- Polar Star*,.....No. 90,.....ARTHUR E. WAITS, Worshipful Master.
- Acacia*,.....No. 92,... { ROBERT BELL, proxy for Worshipful Master ;
THOS. H. WILLIAMS, proxy for Senior Warden ;
ROBERT CHALMERS, Junior Warden.
- Caymus*,.....No. 93,... { EDWARD L. LEVEY, Worshipful Master ;
GEORGE C. YOUNT, Senior Warden ;
WM. BALDRIDGE, Junior Warden.
- Mt. Hermon*,.....No. 94,.....ISAAC M. WALTER, Worshipful Master.
- Henry Clay*,.....No. 95,.....ALVINZA HAYWARD, Worshipful Master.
- Howard*,.....No. 96,... { EDGAR W. POTTER, Worshipful Master and P.M. ;
JONAS W. BROWN, proxy for Senior Warden.
- Jefferson*, ...No. 97,.....E. LANE, Worshipful Master and Past Master.
- Campo Seco*,...No. 100,.....JOHN M. KEITH, Worshipful Master.
- Clay*, ...No. 101,.....LEWIS D. KOPP, Junior Warden.
- Manzanita*, ...No. 102,.....A. FRASER, Representative.
- Oroville*, ...No. 103,.....D. A. BROWN, Worshipful Master and P. M.
- Owen*, ...No. 108,.....GILBERT LANPHIER, Worshipful Master and P.M.
- Dibble*, ...No. 109,.....W. W. WIXOM, Worshipful Master and P. M.
- Chico*, ...No. 111,.....H. W. JENNINGS, Representative.
- Summit*, ...No. 112,.....M. C. EDWARDS, Worshipful Master and P. M.
- Mount Zion*,.....No. 114,... { WM. MCKEAN, Worshipful Master and P. M. ;
JOHN A. STEELEY, proxy for Senior Warden.
- Windsor*, ...No. 116,.....R. R. JOHNSON, Worshipful Master.

Concord,.....No. 117,... { J. L. THOMPSON, Worshipful Master and P. M.;
 { J. L. POLHEMUS, Senior Warden ;
 { LEVI HERMANCE, Junior Warden ;
 { B. B. BROWN, Past Master.

The foregoing report was received and concurred in, and the brethren therein named were admitted to seats.

The reading of the proceedings at the last Annual Communication was dispensed with, the members being furnished with printed copies thereof.

The Grand Master then delivered his Annual Address to the Grand Lodge of California, as follows:—

BRETHREN OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL

GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA:

ONCE more in the passage of time we are permitted to meet in our annual convocation to consult in regard to the interests of our beloved Order, and to devise those means best adapted to its continuance and prosperity, to insure its permanency, and to develop its inner life, that its good may be felt wherever its name is known, and that those who are around us, and to whom each action of the Fraternity becomes a thing of closest scrutiny, may acknowledge and approve our course, as one claiming the sympathy of the good, the assistance of the benevolent, and the earnest prayers of all who would aid the friend of the friendless—the guardian of the fatherless and destitute.

To that Divine Master of us all, whose eye overlooks all, and whose kind providence guards the path which each of us does tread, our most humble and heartfelt thanks for our preservation and return to this hall in peace are due. I greet you here to-day, my brethren, and it is with great joy that I see so many present whom I have met in preceding years, interchanging thoughts, comparing work, and toiling together for the common good of the Craft. And yet this joy which I feel at beholding so many here that I have met before, hath its shade of sadness. Mortality has claimed its tribute from among us. There are places here we were wont in times gone by, to see filled by familiar faces, which will be seen no more; voices, once heard with pleasure, are forever hushed in the deep silence of the grave; and forms that moved among us, the personation of all that was manly and worthy of being loved, have crumbled to their parent dust. Noble spirits have burst the bands that bound them here, to enter the untried future. Gentle souls have escaped the sorrows of earth and time, to seek the fruition of their hearts' hopes in heaven and eternity—each carrying with him a record of his work for the inspection of the Infinite.

Ours is not a legislature of political sovereignty, or of social rights or conduct that is to govern men in their political or social intercourse purely, but a higher one—one that ministers to the sick heart and desponding mind. The one can be reversed, and a succeeding enactment of sovereignty may amend and restore rights taken and repair wrongs done. Not so our legislation, which is but the interpretation of principles having with them the sanction of centuries, the adhesion of the great of the past, and the earnest support of the eminent of the present. One wound inflicted upon that ancient structure mars the fairness of its proportions, and is attended by consequences of so great a magnitude that the most reckless should shrink from their contemplation with dismay. It is a loosened joint which will be followed by the decay that precedes the fall of the temple. Those ancient land-marks once attacked and

weakened, no succeeding convocation can restore to them their strength and beauty.

It is a source of satisfaction that I am able to congratulate you at this time upon the general welfare and prosperity of our beloved Order in this Commonwealth. With a firm and steady, though silent exercise of its powers, it has extended its numbers, widened its field of usefulness, and exemplified its principles—endearing its members to the precepts which govern it, and knitting with closer ties each to the other in the sustaining of the rights so dear to all; while without our circle of brotherhood, the world has been taught to respect our motives, and approve our actions.

This general harmony of action and feeling has met with but one interruption which has come to my knowledge, and that is in the instance of *Lebanon* Lodge, No. 49. One of its members having been guilty of a gross violation of Masonic law and duty, and the Lodge having refused to punish him therefor, believing it to be for the best interests of the Fraternity, I arrested the Charter of that Lodge, suspended the offending member from all the rights and privileges of Masonry, and summoned him to appear and take his trial before this Grand Lodge. All the papers in reference to this case are in the hands of the Grand Secretary.

To the wise, this general prosperity presents its elements of danger—for while there is nothing seemingly to guard against, a relaxation of that vigilance which should always watch at the portals of our temple, is most to be dreaded. This is true in all lands and among all societies. How much more forcibly may it be put in this land of strangers, coming from every country, speaking every tongue, the representatives of every people. Unknown to each other, save in that restless and careless association which marks the society of the people of this great and growing Commonwealth; their past history beyond our knowledge; their hearts a sealed book which we have no power to open or peruse—all should be subject to the closest scrutiny, and if aught is found upon which to base the slightest doubt, it should make an impassable barrier between them and us. It is far better that we turn away many good men from our altars, than that we hazard our good name and reputation by accepting a single bad one; for upon that reputation rests, in an eminent degree, our power to do good. I have every reason to believe that the fraternity in this State are both zealous and vigilant in the discharge of their duties in this respect. The course now pursued by the Subordinate Lodges is such as necessarily impresses the work upon each one who receives it, and forms the foundation upon which to build a complete masonic education. The thorough examination to which the candidates are subjected as they progress, renders it impossible that any should be ignorant of the principles taught or the duties enjoined by our venerable and benevolent Institution.

Considering the circumstances which have governed the establishment of the Order in this State, the harmony attained in working is a source of congratulation to all. This was scarcely to have been expected, and it speaks volumes for the earnestness and faithfulness of those who have contributed to such a result. I would recommend that the work heretofore sanctioned by this Grand Lodge, be fully exemplified at this Communication.

In obedience to a resolution of the Grand Lodge, I visited *San Francisco* Lodge, No. 7, in May last, and am happy to state that the differences then existing in that Lodge have been amicably settled, and that peace and harmony have fully been restored.

Many applications for dispensations have been made to me for the purpose of conferring the degrees upon applicants in less time than that provided by the Constitution, because the candidates were about leaving the State. These I have invariably refused, for the reason that those applying had been living within a short distance of Lodges for years, and had never discovered that they could be of benefit to the Fraternity until they learned that the Fraternity could be of immediate benefit to them; and for the further reason, that I do not think we have any right to inflict upon our brethren elsewhere half

made Masons, or hazard our reputation as workmen by sending such abroad as accredited specimens of our labor. Our own jurisdiction has suffered too much from that cause to be ignorant of its duty in this respect.

I have also received applications for dispensations to re-ballot for persons rejected, within the time prescribed by the Constitution. The enactments of this Grand Lodge, as expressive of its judgment upon the propriety of such a term of probation, has governed me in the refusal of all such applications, I believing them to be wise and salutary regulations.

My business engagements have rendered it impossible for me, during this year, to visit many of the subordinate Lodges; but such as I have been enabled to call upon have left with me only impressions that they were truly and faithfully discharging their duties, and fulfilling the object of their creation. That I could not see more of them has been a source of extreme regret, for I had anticipated much satisfaction in visiting them during the past year. Although deprived of that pleasure, I have been in correspondence with most of the Lodges in the State, and am satisfied that they are all in a prosperous condition, and unceasing in their endeavors to promote and forward the interests of the Craft. Many questions of various kinds have been submitted to me, which I have settled or explained to the best of my ability, and, as I believe, in strict conformity with Masonic law and usage.

I have received a communication from the Grand Orient of France, through its General Secretary, expressing its wish to establish more intimate relations with this Grand Lodge, and, to facilitate that object, requesting me to name three members of this body, from among whom the Grand Master of France could select one to be the proper and authorized representative of that Grand Orient near this Grand Lodge. In answer to that request I transmitted the names of three prominent members of this Grand Lodge to Prince LUCIEN MURAT; but have not yet received from the Grand Master of France the names from which to select a representative there, and we are yet without any representation near that Grand body. You are all too well aware of the great importance of cultivating relations of the most friendly and intimate character with the European Masonic Fraternity, for me to endeavor to impress it any more deeply upon your minds by any reason that I could give. The system proposed by the Grand Master of France meets with my most hearty concurrence, not only as being best adapted to the dissemination of a knowledge of our transactions, character, and work, as well as to the bringing a like knowledge to us concerning the distant members of our great Fraternity, but as opening a channel through which the interests that we feel and the affections that we entertain, may be sent, bringing back a like return.

A communication has been received from the Lodge *Clemente Amitié*, of Paris, in France, soliciting aid in the benevolent undertaking, by them begun, of establishing an orphan asylum; with the request that I would lay the same before you at this Communication. The papers relative thereto are in the hands of the Grand Secretary, and your attention to the subject is respectfully invited.

I also received a communication from the Grand Master of Masons in Peru, in June last, informing me of the insubordination and expulsion by the Grand Orient of that Republic, of two Lodges under its jurisdiction, — *La Concordia Universal* and *La Estrella Polar* — for unmasonic and rebellious conduct. Immediately upon the reception of this information, I ordered notices to issue to the Lodges of this jurisdiction, acquainting them of the facts and prohibiting any intercourse with the said Lodges or their members. I have since received an address from the seceding Lodges, to which another appears to have been added, informing me of the establishment by those three of an organization independent of the Grand Orient of Peru, and transmitting a pamphlet containing their defence for so doing. But there appears nothing in either of the papers which seems to me to excuse their rebellion against the Grand Orient under whose jurisdiction they were, or that would empower them with a right to establish another Grand Body, against the desire and within the jurisdiction of

the one legally existing. The act is in direct violation of all Masonic law, and we cannot recognize those as just and true members of our Fraternity who could so far forget its teachings as to mar by such high handed measures its peace and harmony. Your early attention is invited to this subject, as containing that which is of vital importance to the well-being of the Craft. They ask a recognition at your hands. Schism may be easily crushed in its infancy, which, left to grow, might defy our utmost power.

I have received and herewith submit to you, a circular issued by authority of the Grand Lodge of the State of Maine, containing a resolution urging the formation of a General Grand Lodge of the United States, to meet in September, 1859. The high Masonic source from which this emanates renders it deserving of your respectful consideration. The reasons urged by the committee are forcibly and cogently stated, and are undoubtedly the result of a pure desire to contribute to the welfare of the Order, as well as to perfect it in harmonious action. I therefore present it to you for such action as you may deem best calculated to promote the general good of our Institution.

I have also received, and herewith submit for your consideration, certain resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, asking the coöperation of the Grand Lodge of California in raising funds for the purchase of Mount Vernon. There are none whose pride and patriotism, as well as fraternal love and respect, will not be awakened on a subject so dear to the Masonic heart. Our reverence for the past, our thankfulness for the blessings which thron the present, our hopes of the future, and our gratitude to the memory of the illustrious dead, all prompt us to every exertion to become the possessors of the place where repose the remains of our brother and chief, GEORGE WASHINGTON; making his tomb—as in time it must be—the Mecca of the patriot's pilgrimage.

The continuance of the difficulties which still surround and embarrass our brethren of *Hawaiian* Lodge, No. 21, in the Hawaiian Islands, demands careful consideration at your hands, that some means be adopted to relieve them from the annoyances which constantly disturb their harmony and peace, in consequence of the existence of the so-called Lodge *Le Progrès de l'Océanie*, at that place.

You will be called upon at this Communication to determine upon a change in the organic law of Masonry in this State. You can not exercise too much care and wisdom in the enactment or alteration of the laws which are so vitally to affect the Fraternity. Too much legislation is ever attended with a danger of encroaching upon the ancient landmarks of the Order, or infringing upon some of those rights which are the inalienable inheritance of each member, however humble.

I would respectfully recommend a thorough revision of the Standing Resolutions, as many of them are inoperative, and as the reasons which gave rise to others have ceased to exist, leaving some useless, and others injurious in their operation. The substance of many of them is embodied in the proposed new Constitution which was presented at your last Communication, and which you will have to pass upon at this. A few clear and concise regulations are all that are needful, and would fulfil their office much better than the many without that conciseness. I would also recommend a repeal of the resolution permitting the subordinate Lodges to ballot for the three degrees at the same time. If not an infringement upon Masonic usage, as I am inclined to think it is, it has been, and I think must ever be, attended with confusion and evil to the Fraternity. There are too few guards around us to dispense with any one of them. They were framed with long thought, have endured the lapse of time unshaken, and have survived the world's frown and condemnation. They exert now, and always have exerted a salutary effect upon the Order, and I think we had better leave them as our Masonic fathers projected and transmitted them to us. It is a source of pain to me to see the desire for change and alteration which has invaded our councils, as the preservation of our marks of antiquity alone gives to us the benefit of that universality which is one of our greatest boasts. Once admitted to change, and every link which

binds us to the Fraternity elsewhere will be broken, the catholicity that it now claims would be destroyed, and all the benefits to be derived from it would be confined to a single organization.

During my term of office I have issued Dispensations for the establishment of ten new Lodges, the names and locations of which will be found in the report of the Grand Secretary. They are all in good working condition, and their members appear zealous and competent to perform all the duties enjoined by the laws of the Craft. I recommend a careful examination of their work, and if it meets the approbation of the Grand Lodge, that Charters be granted them.

The difficulties which at one time threatened the harmony of *Iowa Hill* Lodge, No. 63, and *Wisconsin Hill* Lodge, No. 74, have been settled, both having surrendered their Charters, and a portion of the members of both having consolidated under a new Dispensation, with the name of *Ionic* Lodge.

The Dispensation under which *Folsom* Lodge was working has been given up, and its members have affiliated with *Natoma* Lodge, No. 64, to which I granted a dispensation to change its location from Mormon Island to the town of Folsom—a place better adapted to sustain the Lodge in its course of usefulness.

Upon petition from the members of *Humboldt* Lodge, No. 79, for a dispensation to remove their Lodge from Bucksport to Eureka, as being a place more convenient for them, and better enabled to support the Lodge, I have granted their request, and the Lodge is now working at the last named place.

Invited by the German Benevolent Society of San Francisco, with the assistance of the members of the Grand Lodge I laid the corner-stone of the German Hospital in that city, in accordance with ancient Masonic usage. The kindness and consideration with which the Fraternity were treated on that occasion, was strong evidence of the good repute in which it is held by those without its membership. The prejudice which once trammelled its action is fast sinking before its tread, and the hands and hearts of the good and true on all sides are found cheerfully contributing to our prosperity and fame.

The Masonic Board of Relief, established something more than two years ago by the several Lodges of the City of San Francisco, under a thorough organization to administer to the distresses of those who are worthy and needy, deserves our highest commendation for its active and efficient benevolence. The want of time, the cares of business, and the whirl of pleasure, often closes the hand which else would have been freely and cheerfully opened to minister to the wants of the destitute and the unfortunate. In this board of relief our brethren of San Francisco have avoided all those difficulties, as it is their business as well as pleasure to give ear to all that apply, and as they have full power to contribute to their needs and supply all their wants. The great good which our San Francisco brethren have thus already done, is but the guaranty for the boundless good for which the future will bless them.

Beyond the difficulties hereinbefore mentioned, our foreign intercourse, as will appear by the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, gives a flattering exhibit of the harmony and prosperity of the Fraternity throughout the world. There has been no time in the history of Masonry when so great an influence has been felt, or so large an amount of usefulness exhibited, as at the present time. The shackles with which prejudice and ignorance have hitherto bound it, unnerving, in a manner, its arm for extended good, and circumscribing its theatre of action, seem to have fallen at its feet; and with strength and vigor it is pressing forward in its path of duty to humanity—widening as human intelligence widens—spreading hand in hand with those sciences which confer blessings upon mankind—and preparing the heart and mind for a more noble appreciation of the sublimity of that justice and benevolence which it is confidently hoped will one day bind together the whole human family with indissoluble ties of friendship and affection.

Our Order, grand in its numbers and influence, will play a noble part in this great scheme of universal brotherhood; interpreting all languages, ac-

commodating all customs, acclimating all zones, conciliating all sects, whether living under despotic or republican rule, and everywhere performing its mission of charity and love. From every part of the civilized world has been extended the hand of brotherhood, and palm has pressed palm, sealing the mutual promise of harmonious action.

Our own Commonwealth, by the force of circumstances, seems to have been selected as the pioneer in this holy work. Far away from the civilized world, unbiassed by the troubles or prejudices that control or vex it—uninfluenced by those daily occurrences which brighten or cloud its sky,—rich in that which invites the hardy, energetic and adventurous from the whole earth, but for a temporary residence among us—among the thousands that have been scattered like grains of gold, scarce thinking that there was another and a nobler mission than gathering the shining ore—they have found their way, through the portals of our temple, and kneeling side by side with us at our altars, have listened to their and our tradition in another tongue than that which taught them first the light; have seen our charities and felt the benefit of our benevolence; have watched our harmony; and blessed God that we were here to welcome and befriend them in their hour of trial and of need. They have left us to seek again their own lands, bearing with them our God-speed on the ear, and graven on their hearts our good offices. The asperities that parted them from us, born of national prejudices, have been dissolved by our friendships; and in their far homes, from the fullness of their hearts, they will teach others to love and revere us and the Order of which we are but humble members. Who can guess or tell the extent of that vast influence exerted by those silent deeds of fellowship and kindness which have been performed by us, and received by them; or measure the wealth of that kindly feeling awakened in every land by grateful and loving hearts. May it not be like the air which a spoken word hath set in motion, undulating until the whole earth hath felt its passing breath.

Before closing this address and retiring from the high position to which your kind partiality exalted me, I must be permitted to return my sincere thanks for the kindness and good feeling which has ever been manifested by each and all of you towards me, in the discharge of the duties of my position. To the Grand Secretary especially, I am deeply indebted for the prompt and great assistance which he has rendered me.

In bidding you a farewell as your Grand Master, my heart is filled with joy at the prospect of taking my place again among you, sharing in your labors, and joining once more with you around that altar where the incense burns so brightly now. May that God who has so long guarded and protected our beloved Order, making its darkest night bright with His smiles of love and approbation, guard and guide us in the future as in the past, that the principles which we profess may become an universal rule for man's action, and constant guide for his life, thus fitting him, by their practice, for that Grand convocation where the good of the universe will meet to dwell in harmony forever.

N. GREENE CURTIS, *Grand Master.*

On motion of Bro. JAS. L. ENGLISH, the Address of the Grand Master was referred to a special committee of five.

The Deputy Grand Master named the following brethren as such special committee—

On the Grand Master's Address,..... { Bro. Jas. L. English,
“ W. A. January,
“ Wm. McCormick,
“ Louis Cohn,
“ E. Lane.

The Grand Secretary presented his Annual Report, as follows:—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—

In accordance with a provision in the Constitution, the undersigned again presents the Annual Report required from the Grand Secretary.

Within thirty days after the close of the last Annual Communication, its transactions were prepared for publication and issued from the press; and the usual number of copies (fifteen hundred) were distributed in the customary manner, with the exception of five hundred reserved for future binding, and those required for the use of the Grand Lodge at its present meeting. In obedience to an order passed at that Communication, three hundred copies of the proceedings of the years 1855 and 1856 have been bound in the same manner as the volume containing the previous transactions of the Grand Lodge, before published by the Grand Secretary, and specimens of the edition are herewith presented, labelled Vol. II. It is recommended that a similar order be passed for the binding of three hundred copies of the proceedings of 1857 and 1858, which will make a third volume of about equal size with the two preceding. The price of the second volume, thus bound, upon consultation with the Grand Master, was fixed at two dollars; and the number disposed of at that price, to the end of the fiscal year, will appear in the financial statement herewith appended.

A copy of Vol. I. of our proceedings, being the republication of all the transactions from the organization of the Grand Lodge to and including the year 1854, prepared by the undersigned, has been forwarded to each of the Grand Bodies with which this Grand Lodge holds correspondence, to our representative in the Grand Lodge of New York, and to Bro. ROBERT MORRIS, of Kentucky; and as this has been done for the credit of the Grand Lodge, as an acknowledgment of similar courtesies received from some, and a testimonial of our wish to deserve them from others, it is hoped that an appropriation will be made to cover the expense thus incurred by the Grand Secretary.

The usual publications have been received from most of the various Masonic bodies with which this Grand Lodge holds communication, as will be seen in another report; and sundry correspondence has been had with the Grand Orients of France and Peru, and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Victoria, in Australia, copies and translations of which are here presented. The general letter file for the year is also exhibited, together with the letter-books, containing a miscellaneous correspondence of some six hundred pages.

On the twenty-ninth day of June last, the Charter of *Lebanon* Lodge, No. 49, was arrested by the Grand Master, its funds were placed in the hands of the Grand Trésurer, and the Charter and seal of the Lodge, together with its jewels, furniture, books, papers, and other property, were at once deposited in this office. By permission of the Grand Master, the jewels and a portion of the furniture have been loaned to *Fidelity* Lodge, U. D., upon the receipt of its Master, Bro. LOUIS COHN, who was also the Master of the suspended Lodge when its labors ceased. They will be returned when the Grand Lodge shall signify its will to that effect. The records of the Lodge are present for inspection.

On the twenty-ninth day of August, 1857, *Wisconsin Hill* Lodge, No. 74, adopted a resolution to surrender its Charter; and early in October following, that instrument, together with the seal, books, and papers of the Lodge were transmitted to this office by its late Master, Bro. WM. C. RICH, who was instructed to settle up its affairs in such manner as might seem to him most just and expedient. An exhibit of his prompt and correct action will be seen among the records of the Lodge now submitted.

On the twenty-ninth day of October, 1857, *Iowa Hill* Lodge, No. 63, also adopted a resolution to surrender its Charter, and upon receiving information thereof, at the suggestion of sundry brethren at that place, Bro. H. C. LADD was appointed to wind up its affairs. This he has done in a very satisfactory

manner, as will be seen from his report now presented with the records of the Lodge, which, together with the Charter, seal, other books, papers, &c., were transmitted to this office in March last.

Returns for these three Lodges to the date of their cessation from labor, have been prepared from the records, and the amount of funds thus far received from the two last will be found credited in the proper place. A large amount of unpaid dues appear upon the books of all, especially upon those of *Iowa Hill* Lodge; and it is recommended that some action be taken by the Grand Lodge for the collection of these dues, and for the infliction of the same penalty upon all such delinquents, as is now incurred by those stricken from the rolls of membership for non-payment.

Information has been received from the Secretary of *Folsom* Lodge, U. D., that on the twenty-eighth day of January last, that Lodge had resolved to cease work and yield up its Dispensation. As neither that instrument, nor any books, papers, or property of the Lodge, have been transmitted to the undersigned, it is probably intended to present them at this Communication. The Secretary's letter upon the subject accompanies this report.

At the last Communication, the Dispensation previously issued to *Folsom* Lodge, at Folsom, in the County of Sacramento, was continued; and, by order of the Grand Lodge, a Dispensation was granted to *Vallecito* Lodge, at Vallecito, in the County of Calaveras. Since then the following Dispensations have been issued by order of the Grand Master, viz:—

June 27, 1857.—To	<i>Clinton</i>	Lodge, at	Horsetown.....	Shasta	County.
July 11, “ “	<i>Fidelity</i>	“ “	San Francisco,....	S. Francisco	“
Octo. 19, “ “	<i>Ionic</i>	“ “	Iowa Hill,.....	Placer	“
Dec. 12, “ “	<i>Alamo</i>	“ “	Alamo,.....	Contra Costa	“
“ 19, “ “	<i>Sotoyomi</i>	“ “	Healdsburg,.....	Sonoma	“
“ 19, “ “	<i>Visalia</i>	“ “	Visalia,.....	Tulare	“
“ 21, “ “	<i>Table M'n</i>	“ “	Oroville,.....	Butte	“
Jan. 14, 1858.—	<i>Progress</i>	“ “	San Francisco,....	S. Francisco	“
Feb. 8, “ “	<i>LaFayette</i>	“ “	AnnallyTownship,	Sonoma	“
March 6, “ “	<i>Hermann</i>	“ “	San Francisco,....	S. Francisco	“

The numbers of the chartered Lodges now reach to 117, and there are outstanding twelve Dispensations—making in all one hundred and twenty-nine Lodges which have been established under the authority of this Grand Lodge, besides the former *Pacific* Lodge, U. D., at Valparaiso. Of these, two have withdrawn to aid in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, six have surrendered their Charters, one has been suspended, and one has ceased under its Dispensation—leaving now in active existence, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of California, one hundred and eight chartered Lodges, and eleven under dispensation.

The registers and account books of the Grand Secretary's office, and various files of official papers, are herewith submitted for examination, together with an account of the revenue of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Treasurer's receipts for its proper payment, and a statement of the balances to the debit and credit of the Lodges at the close of the fiscal year, as follows:—

The Grand Secretary in account with the Grand Lodge of California, for the fiscal year ending March 4, A. L. 5858.

1857.	For receipts during the year, as follows:—	Dr.
May 15.	From sundry Lodges from March 4, 1857, to this date inclusive, as per report on page 122, <i>et seq.</i> , Proc. of 1857,....	\$7163 00
“ 18.	“ <i>Polar Star</i> Lodge, No. 90, on acct. dues to Mar. 4, 1857,	32 00
“ “	“ <i>Dibble</i> “ “ 109, Ch'r fee and dues to May 1, “	110 00
“ “	“ <i>Sacramento</i> “ “ 40, dues in full to Mar. 4, “	45 00

Amount carried to next page,..... \$7350 00

		Amount brought forward,.....	\$7350 00
May 18.	From <i>North Star</i>	Lodge, No. 91, on acct. dues to Mar. 4, 1857,	57 00
June 2.	" <i>La Grange</i>	" 99, " " " " " " " "	80 00
" 5.	" <i>Minnesota</i>	" 67, bal. dues in full to " " " "	11 00
" 11.	" <i>Indian Diggings</i>	" 85, on acct. dues " " " "	44 00
" "	" <i>Washington</i>	" 20, " " " " " 1856,	117 00
" "	" <i>Concord</i>	" 117, Char. fee without Disp.,.....	125 00
" 23.	" <i>Clinton</i>	U. D., fee for Dispensation,.....	75 00
" 24.	" <i>Columbia</i>	No. 28, bal. dues in full to Mar. 4, 1857,	9 00
July 29.	" <i>Yolo</i>	" 81, on acct. dues to " " " "	24 00
" "	" <i>Los Angeles</i>	" 42, bal. dues in full to " " " "	5 00
Aug. 16.	" <i>St. John's</i>	" 37, " " " " " " " "	3 00
" 20.	" <i>Fidelity</i>	U. D., fee for Dispensation,.....	75 00
" 27.	" <i>Naval</i>	No. 87, bal. dues in full to Mar. 4, 1857,	26 50
Sep. 29.	" <i>San Joaquin</i>	" 19, " " " " " " " "	2 00
Oct. 7.	" <i>Wisconsin Hill</i>	" 74, upon surrender of Charter,...	48 00
" 9.	" <i>Ionic</i>	U. D., fee for Dispensation,.....	75 00
" 9.	" <i>Mt. Hermon</i>	No. 94, bal. dues in full to Mar. 4, 1857,	3 00
" 14.	" <i>Mountain Shade</i>	" 18, " " " " " " " "	11 00
" 18,	" <i>Indian Diggings</i>	" 85, " " " " " " " "	7 00
" 24.	" <i>Parfaite Union</i>	" 17, on acct. dues 1856 and 1857,	45 00
" 31.	" <i>Ophir</i>	" 33, bal. dues in full to Mar. 4, "	6 00
Nov. 3.	" <i>Visalia</i>	U. D., fee for Dispensation,.....	75 00
" 14.	" <i>Yolo</i>	No. 81, bal. dues in full to Mar. 4, 1857,	2 00
" 20.	" <i>Parfaite Union</i>	" 17, on acct. dues 1856 and 1857,	30 00
Dec. 5.	" <i>Wisconsin Hill</i>	" 74, further amt. since surrender,	15 00
" 9.	" <i>Alamo</i>	U. D., fee for Dispensation,.....	75 00
" 16.	" <i>Sotoyomi</i>	U. D., " " " " " " " "	75 00
" 19.	" <i>Table Mountain</i>	U. D., " " " " " " " "	75 00
1858.			
Jan. 4.	" <i>Gravel Range</i>	No. 59, bal. dues in full to Mar. 4, 1857,	4 00
" 5.	" <i>Progress</i>	U. D., fee for Dispensation, ...	75 00
" 15.	" <i>Oroville</i>	No. 103, bal. dues in full to Mar. 4, 1857,	2 00
" 26.	" <i>Parfaite Union</i>	" 17, " " " " " " " "	16 50
Feb. 8.	" <i>La Fayette</i>	U. D., fee for Dispensation, ...	75 00
" 10.	" <i>Corinthian</i>	No. 69, bal. dues in full to Mar. 4, 1857,	1 00
" 17.	" <i>Texas</i>	" 46, " " " " " " " "	20 00
Mar. 1.	" <i>Hiram</i>	" 43, " " " " " " " "	10 00
" 3.	" <i>Michigan City</i>	" 47, " " " " " " " "	7 00
" "	" <i>Union</i>	" 58, " " " " " " " "	8 00
" 4.	"	Fees for 143 Diplomas issued since March 4th, 1857,.....	143 00
" "	"	Sale of 78 copies of Vol. II., Proceedings of Grand Lodge,	156 00
" "	"	Sale 1 set Morris' Universal Masonic Library at cost and charges delivered here by express,.....	63 00
Total receipts for the year,.....			\$9126 00

REGAPITULATION.

Received on acct. dues to Mar. 4, 1857, and back dues, ...	\$7139 00
" for Dispensations issued during the fiscal year,.....	900 00
" " Charters issued per order of the Grand Lodge,.....	725 00
" " Diplomas and books, per above acct.,.....	362 00
Total from all sources,.....	\$9126 00

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1857.	May 16.	By cash paid Grand Treasurer, as reported this date, ...						\$7163 00
	Sept. 4.	" " " " " as per receipt, ...						838 50
	Dec. 4.	" " " " " " " "						304 00
1858.	Mar. 4.	" " " " " " " "						820 50
								\$9126 00

Statement of balances to the debit and credit of Lodges, on the books of the Grand Secretary, March 4th, A. L. 5858.

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<i>Tehama</i>	Lodge, No. 3, ...		\$113 00	—
<i>Benicia</i>	" " 5, ...		—	\$3 00
<i>Nevada</i>	" " 13, ...		—	1 00
<i>Temple</i>	" " 14, ...		—	2 00
<i>Eureka</i>	" " 16, ...	4 00	—	—
<i>Washington</i>	" " 20, ...	137 50	—	—
<i>Mariposa</i>	" " 24, ...	—	—	2 00
<i>Trinity</i>	" " 27, ...	—	—	2 00
<i>Santa Clara</i>	" " 34, ...	5 00	—	—
<i>San Diego</i>	" " 35, ...	2 00	—	—
<i>Butte</i>	" " 36, ...	—	—	1 50
<i>Illinoistown</i>	" " 51, ...	—	—	3 00
<i>Volcano</i>	" " 56, ...	77 00	—	—
<i>Santa Rosa</i>	" " 57, ...	65 00	—	—
<i>Live Oak</i>	" " 61, ...	27 00	—	—
<i>Iowa Hill</i>	" " 63, ...	1 00	—	—
<i>Morning Star</i>	" " 68, ...	—	—	1 00
<i>Nebraska</i>	" " 71, ...	55 50	—	—
<i>Tyro</i>	" " 73, ...	—	—	1 00
<i>Wisconsin Hill</i>	" " 74, ...	—	—	50 25
<i>Bear Mountain</i>	" " 76, ...	—	—	1 00
<i>Humboldt</i>	" " 79, ...	5 00	—	—
<i>Polar Star</i>	" " 90, ...	2 00	—	—
<i>North Star</i>	" " 91, ...	—	—	12 00
<i>Henry Clay</i>	" " 95, ...	—	—	2 00
<i>Jefferson</i>	" " 97, ...	—	—	3 00
<i>La Grange</i>	" " 99, ...	78 00	—	—
<i>Manzanita</i>	" " 102, ...	3 00	—	—
<i>Chico</i>	" " 111, ...	13 00	—	—
			\$588 00	\$84 75

Since the books were balanced, and the foregoing accounts prepared, *Washington*, *San Diego*, *Volcano*, *Live Oak*, *Humboldt*, and *Polar Star* Lodges have paid up the balances respectively to their debit, amounting in all to \$250 50; and there has been received from *Iowa Hill* Lodge the sum of \$92 50, being the net amount thus far realized, after payment of its debts, from the collection of its dues and the sale of its effects. Before the close of the Communication, the usual supplementary account of all moneys received since the fourth day of March last will be presented for examination, though it will as heretofore form a part of the report of the following year.

In conclusion, the undersigned expresses the pleasure he feels in announcing that every Lodge under the jurisdiction transmitted full returns for the year 1857, and that the three which were delinquent at the time of publication the year before, soon after remedied the fault. The creditable manner in which nearly all those papers are prepared by the various Secretaries, should not escape the attention of the Committee on Returns. A great and constant

improvement in this respect has been manifested during the past three years, and now, instead of seeing very many of them informal, ill-spelled and illegible, thus rendering it impossible for the Grand Secretary to publish correctly the lists of membership, there will be found but two or three which are not well written and properly prepared.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALEX. G. ABELL, *Grand Secretary.*

Which report was received, and, with the accompanying books and papers, was referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

The Grand Treasurer presented his Annual Report as follows:—

The Grand Treasurer in account with the Grand Lodge of California, for the fiscal year ending March 4, A. L. 5858.

1857.	RECEIPTS.	DR.
March 4.	Balance in treasury as per account this date,.....	\$1751 83
May 13.	Cash received from the Grand Secretary,.....	2804 00
" 16.	" " " " " "	4359 00
Sept. 4.	" " " " " "	838 50
Dec. 4.	" " " " " "	304 00
1858.		
March 4.	" " " " " "	820 50
		\$10877 83

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DISBURSEMENTS.

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For account of salaries of Grand Officers:

Paid Grand Secretary, as per vouchers Nos. 13, 26, 38, 48,	\$2400 00
" Asst. Grand Sec'y, " " Nos. 19, 29, 40, 49,	400 00
" Grand Treasurer, " " No. 51, ...	100 00
" Grand Tyler, " " No. 2, ...	100 00 \$3000 00

For account of printing and expenses of Grand Secretary's office:

Paid for printing and binding Grand Lodge proceedings of	
1857, as per vouchers Nos. 6, 17, 21, 24, 30,	\$1300 00
" " Sundry printing, as per vouchers Nos. 20, 25, 32,	192 50
" " Rent of Grand Secretary's office, as per vouchers	
Nos. 11, 15, 27, 39, 45, 46, 47, ...	600 00
" " Expenses of Grand Sec'y's office, as per vouchers	
Nos. 14, 28, 41, 42, 50, ...	763 41 \$2855 91

For account of expenses of Grand Officers and of Grand Master's office:

Paid W. H. Howard, G. M., exp. att'g G. L., as per vouch., No. 3,	\$60 00
" J. A. Raymond, D. G. M., " " " " " " " 1,100 00	
" P. W. Randle, J. G. W., " " " " " " " 52, 45 00	
" A. Martin, G. Treas., " " " " " " " 53, 31 50	
" A. G. Abell, G. Sec'y, " " " " " " " 8, 51 00	
" L. C. Owen, Asst. G. S., " " " " " " " 9, 51 00	
" Incidental expenses during session " " " 10, 59 50	
" Sundry expenses of Grand Master's office, " " " 18, 27 00	\$425 00

For account of special appropriations, per resolutions:

Paid Grand Sec. bal. salary last year, as per vouch., No. 5, ...	\$283 34
" For binding Vol. II. G. L. proc., " " Nos. 38, 36,	245 00 \$528 34

Amount carried to next page,.....\$6809 00

Amount brought forward,.....\$6809 25

For account of the Library :

Paid for sundry books purchased, as per voucher No. 12,....	\$ 78 56	
“ Cost and freight of Universal Masonic Library, 2 copies, as per vouchers Nos. 16, 44,.....	121 00	
“ For binding Proceedings of other Grand Lodges, as per voucher No. 43,.....	13 50	213 06

For account of the General Fund :

Refunded to <i>Folsom</i> Lodge, U. D., amt. Charter fee, (Char. not issued,) as per voucher No. 4,.....	\$ 50 00	
“ To petitioners at Meadow Valley, amt. Dispensation fee, (Disp. not issued,) as per voucher No. 22, ..	75 00	
Paid for add'l Clothing, Parchment, &c., as per voucher No. 7, ..	120 50	
“ Bill of Sacramento Lodges, for expenses of Grand Lodge, as per voucher No. 23,.....	78 75	
“ For Chests, &c., for books and archives of Grand Lodge, as per vouchers Nos. 31, 34,.....	96 00	
“ For printing Diplomas from plate, as per voucher No. 37, ..	60 00	
“ For Acc't Books for Grand Treas., as per voucher No. 54, ..	6 00	486 25

For account of the Masonic Hall Fund :

Paid to the Trustees of the fund, as per voucher No. 35,.....	2000 00	
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Total amount of disbursements to March 4, 1858,.....	\$9508 56	
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Leaving a balance in the treasury on that date, of,.....	\$1369 27	
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A detailed account of the disbursements is herewith presented, with the vouchers therefor from Nos. 1 to 54, inclusive, as are also the books in which the accounts are kept.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ADDISON MARTIN, *Grand Treasurer.*

Which report was received, and, with the accompanying books and vouchers, was referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

The Grand Secretary presented the following report in regard to the Library :—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California :—

The Grand Secretary, in his capacity of Librarian of the Grand Lodge, reports the following books, all well and handsomely bound, as now upon the shelves of the Library, viz. :—

Universal Masonic Library, edited by Robert Morris, 8vo., Lexington, Ky., 1856,.....	36 vols.
Lectures on Freemasonry, compiled by Geo. Crook, 8vo., London, 1850, ..	1 “
Sermons on Freemasonry, by the Rev. John E. Cox and others, 8vo., London, 1852,.....	1 “
Proofs of a Conspiracy, collected by John Robinson, 8vo., London, 1798, ..	1 “
Analogy of Ancient Craft Masonry to Natural and Revealed Religion, by Charles Scott, 8vo., Philadelphia, 1850,.....	1 “
Outlines of the Temple, by Cornelius Moore, 12mo., Cincinnati, 1853, ..	1 “
Principles of Masonic Law, by Albert G. Mackey, 8vo., New York, 1856, ..	1 “
History of Freemasonry, by James O. Hallowell, 8vo., London, 1844, ..	1 “
Stray Leaves from a Freemason's Note-book, by a Suffolk Rector, 8vo., London, 1846,.....	1 “
Symbol of Glory, by Geo. Oliver, 8vo., London, 1850,.....	1 “

Signs and Symbols, by Geo. Oliver, 8vo., London, 1837,.....	1 vol.
History of Initiation, by Geo. Oliver, 8vo., London, 1841,.....	1 "
Antiquities of Freemasonry, by Geo. Oliver, 8vo., London, 1843,.....	1 "
Historical Landmarks of Freemasonry, by Geo. Oliver, 8vo. London, 1846,	2 "
History of the Royal Arch, and other works, by Geo. Oliver, 8vo., Lon-	
don, 1847,.....	1 "
Dictionary of Symbolic Masonry, by Geo. Oliver, 12mo. London,.....	1 "
Book of the Lodge, by Geo. Oliver, 12mo., London, 1849,.....	1 "
Mirror for the Johannite Masons, by Geo. Oliver, 12mo., London, 1848,	1 "
Star in the East, by Geo. Oliver, 12mo., London, 1842,.....	1 "
Illustrations of Masonry, by Wm. Preston, with notes by Geo. Oliver,	
12mo., London,.....	1 "
Spirit of Masonry, by Wm. Hutchinson, with notes by Geo. Oliver, 12mo.,	
London, 1843,.....	1 "
Remains of the early Masonic Writers, Calcott, Smith, Inwood, Ander-	
son, Harris, and others, with notes by Geo. Oliver, 12mo., London,	
1850,.....	5 "
Masonic Manual, by Jonathan Ashe, with notes by Geo. Oliver, 12mo.,	
London, 1843,.....	1 "
Freemason's Library, compiled by Samuel Cole, 8vo., Baltimore, 1817,	1 "
Ahiman Rezon, compiled for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, 8vo.,	
Philadelphia, 1825,.....	1 "
Freemason's Manual, compiled by K. J. Stewart, 12mo., Phil., 1854,...	1 "
True Masonic Guide, compiled by Robert Macoy, 12mo. New York,.....	1 "
Masonic Text Book, compiled by John Dove, 8vo., Richmond, 1847,....	1 "
Masonic Chart, compiled by Jeremy L. Cross, 8vo., New York, 1853,....	1 "
Freemason's Monitor, compiled by Z. A. Davis, 8vo., Philadelphia, 1853,	1 "
Masonic Trestle Board, compiled by Chas. W. Moore, 8vo., Boston, 1856,	1 "
Freemason's Quarterly Review, from 1834 to 1852, inclusive, 8vo.,	
London,.....	19 "
Freemasons' Quarterly Magazine, 1853, a continuation of the Review,	
8vo., London,.....	1 "
Freemasons' Monthly Magazine, from 1842 to 1857, inclusive, edited by	
Charles W. Moore, 8vo., Boston,.....	16 "
Masonic Review, (monthly), from 1846 to 1857, inclusive, edited by	
Cornelius Moore, 8vo., Cincinnati,.....	17 "
Masonic Union, (monthly), from 1850 to 1854, inclusive, edited by Fin-	
lay M. King, 8vo., Port Byron, N. Y.,.....	4 "
The Temple, (monthly), from 1851 to 1853, inclusive, edited by Parke	
and Blumenthal, 8vo., Carlisle, Pa.,.....	2 "
Signet and Journal, (monthly), 1855 and 1856, edited by Samuel Law-	
rence, 8vo., Marietta, Ga.,.....	2 "
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, 1848 to 1853, incl., 8vo.,	1 "
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, 1851 to 1855, incl., 8vo.,	1 "
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of California, 1850 to 1856, incl., 8vo.,	2 "
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Cal., 1850 to 1854, incl., 8vo., (old ed.),	1 "
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, 1851 to 1856, incl., 8vo.,	2 "
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Dist. of Col., 1845 to 1854, incl., 8vo.,	1 "
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Florida, 1850 to 1857, incl., 8vo.,.....	1 "
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, 1849 to 1856, incl., 8vo.,.....	2 "
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, 1850 to 1854, incl., 8vo.,.....	1 "
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, 1851 to 1855, incl., 8vo.,.....	1 "
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, 1851 to 1857, incl., 8vo.,	3 "
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, 1852 to 1857, incl., 8vo.,	2 "
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maine, 1852 to 1856, incl., 8vo.,.....	1 "
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, 1848 to 1855, incl., 8vo.,	1 "
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, 1840 to 1856, incl., 8vo.,	5 "
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, 1854 to 1857, incl., 8vo.,...	1 "

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of N. Hampshire, 1843 to 1853, incl., 8vo.,	1 vol.
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of N. Carolina, 1847 to 1852, incl., 8vo.,	1 "
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York, 1849 to 1855, incl., 8vo.,	2 "
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, 1808 to 1847, incl., 8vo.,.....	1 "
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of S. Carolina, 1851 to 1856, incl., 8vo.,	1 "
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, 1846 to 1855, incl., 8vo.,	1 "
Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of California, 1854 to 1857, incl., 8vo.,	1 "

Being in all, now on hand and bound,.....160 vols.

During the past three years the undersigned has exerted every effort to procure a complete series of the published transactions of the various American Grand Lodges, as far back as they were to be found consecutively in print; and he takes this occasion to acknowledge the courtesy of the several Grand Secretaries who have enabled him thus far to present the thirty-three large volumes of valuable Masonic history above enumerated. A great number of incomplete series of such proceedings still remain unbound, but it is believed that during the ensuing year, most of the missing publications, as far back as the average of those now given, will be received, and it is probable that fifteen or twenty more similar volumes can be presented at the next Communication. As an earnest of our own willingness to reciprocate the courtesies here acknowledged and hoped for, the undersigned, in October last, transmitted to the Grand Secretary of each Grand Lodge in the United States, and to several foreign Grand Bodies, a copy of the republication of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge from 1850 to 1854, inclusive, as prepared by him under the resolution adopted in May, 1856.

By reference to the report on the Library made in 1855, it will be seen that there were then but seventy-three volumes (excluding duplicates) in our possession. That number is now more than doubled, and it is the hope, as it will be the constant effort of the undersigned, to make our collection of Masonic works, within a few years, the largest and most valuable on the Western Continent. Among other books received during the past year, are the thirty volumes of Bro. ROBERT MORRIS' valuable publication—the Universal Masonic Library—which, though including many works already in the possession of the Grand Lodge, yet contains many of importance not previously upon our shelves. Two sets of this work were purchased, as ordered by the Grand Lodge, but the undersigned, knowing of no use for duplicates in the library, has disposed of one for the cost and expenses, as will appear in the financial report of the Grand Secretary. It is strongly recommended as a most valuable collection of the writings of many of the best Masonic authors, which every Lodge in the State ought to possess. A complete set of the "Masonic Review" has been obtained; the additional volumes of the "Freemason's Monthly Magazine" have been bound, as have also sundry volumes of the "Temple," the "Masonic Union," and the "Signet and Journal"; and several other books have been added, as will be seen in the foregoing catalogue.

For the disbursements made on these occasions, reference is made to the orders upon the Grand Treasurer and his report; and it is recommended to the Grand Lodge that a further appropriation be made for additions to the Library during the coming year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALEX. G. ABELL, *Grand Secretary.*

Which report was received, and ordered to be published with the proceedings.

The Grand Secretary also presented the following report of the Masonic Board of Relief of the City of San Francisco, to its constituent Lodges:—

To the Lodges in the City of San Francisco :—

The Masonic Board of Relief of the City of San Francisco submits this, its second Annual Report, to the constituent Lodges of which it is the representative, with the hope that the manner in which the duties for which it was created have been discharged during the past year, may meet the approbation of those whose charitable foresight called it into existence. In the compact between the Lodges which established this Board, it was provided that semi-annual reports should be made to them, and during the year 1856, this requisition was complied with. The absolute inability, however, on the part of the officers of the Board, to give the time necessary for the preparation of the lengthy statistical tables which accompany this report, and which are required by the language of the compact, twice within the year, prevented the appearance of a report in July : and it is now respectfully suggested that for all useful purposes a full and detailed report at the close of each year is amply sufficient.

With this day terminates the second year of the existence of the Board of Relief, and had there been any doubts in the beginning in regard to the utility of such an organization, all would now be dissipated by the practical results which two years' experience of its beneficial workings have presented. At the date of the last Annual Report six Lodges, viz. : *California*, No. 1, *Parfaite Union*, No. 17, *Occidental*, No. 22, *Golden Gate*, No. 30, *Mount Moriah*, No. 44, and *Lebanon*, No. 49, were parties to the compact. Two others have since been added, while the last named has ceased its membership, its Charter having been arrested by the Grand Master on the twenty-ninth day of June last. At the commencement of the present year *San Francisco* Lodge, No. 7, became a member of the Association, and on the sixth day of August, *Fidelity* Lodge, U. D., gave its assent to the compact : these, with those before named, comprising all the Lodges in the city.

At the first meeting of the Board in January last, Bro. ALEX. G. ABELL, W. M. of No. 1, was reelected as Chairman, Bro. A. G. RANDALL, W. M. of No. 22, was reelected as Treasurer, and Bro. L. C. OWEN, W. M. of No. 30, was reelected as Secretary, the other members being Bro. A. HOLLUB, W. M. of No. 7, Bro. F. T. TECLAW, W. M. of No. 17, Bro. P. W. SHEPHEARD, W. M. of No. 44, and Bro. LOUIS COHN, W. M. of No. 49. The regular meetings of the Board are held on Thursday of every week, and special meetings are called by the Chairman whenever it is deemed necessary. A reference to the last report will sufficiently explain its mode of action, and will exhibit the sources whence its revenue is derived. From these during the past year, the receipts have been as follows :—

From assessments upon the Lodges :

<i>California</i> ,.....	No. 1,.....	\$537	45	
<i>San Francisco</i>	" 7,.....	237	35	
<i>Parfaite Union</i>	" 17,.....	000	00	
<i>Occidental</i> ,.....	" 22,.....	164	50	
<i>Golden Gate</i> ,.....	" 30,.....	421	00	
<i>Mount Moriah</i> ,.....	" 44,.....	262	20	
<i>Lebanon</i> ,.....	" 49,.....	191	50	
<i>Fidelity</i> ,.....	U. D.,.....	91	50	\$1906 30

From Donations :

Contributed by Bro. H. A. Cobb, to aid in paying passage of a brother to New Orleans,.....	\$ 10	00	
Contributed by Bro. J. W. Tucker, for the same purpose,.....	10	00	
Contributed by San Francisco Chapter, No. 1, R. A. M., for the same purpose,.....	20	00	
Returned by Bro. William Cox,.....	5	00	
Sundry subscriptions to aid Bro. T. Haley,.....	30	12	
Net proceeds of Promenade Concert given by the Board of Relief,.....	1926	50	
Donated by Bro. J. W. Tucker,.....	50	00	\$2051 62
The balance on hand as per last report on the 31st day of December, 1856, was,.....			892 75

Making a total to the credit of the fund of.....

\$4850 67

Again during this year the Board has been compelled to exercise the power given it to levy an extra assessment upon the Lodges. In the early part of the present month, its funds had so diminished as to be unequal to the applications for charity presented, and an extra contribution of twenty-five cents per member was called for from the Lodges, which is included in the foregoing statement of receipts. This depletion of the treasury was soon afterward more fully remedied by the liberal manner in which the Concert given by the Board was patronized by the Fraternity and the public.

The usual tabular statement accompanies this report, showing in detail, in accordance with the sixth Article of the Compact, the names of all to whom relief has been afforded, the dates when given, the residence of the recipients, the Lodges of which they (or their husbands and fathers) last were members, the amounts donated, and the reasons for the donation. From this it will be seen that the disbursements during the twelve months past have been as follows:—

For the relief of sick, needy and destitute brethren, ...	\$855 25
“ The relief of the wives, widows and children of brethren, ...	1249 00
“ Passages paid in various directions for destitute brethren, their wives, widows and orphans, ...	515 00
“ Funeral expenses of deceased brethren, ...	147 00

Making the whole amount expended for charity, ...	\$2766 25
To which is to be added for blanks, stationery, &c., ...	34 00

Being a total expenditure of. \$2800 25

The foregoing sum of \$2766 25 has been distributed as follows:—

To 2 cases from Australia, ...	\$50 00	Amount brought forward, ..	\$1901 25
“ 36 “ “ California, ...	849 25	To 3 cases from Maine, ...	138 00
“ 1 “ “ Delaware, ...	5 00	“ 6 “ “ Maryland, ...	125 00
“ 2 “ “ England, ...	100 00	“ 2 “ “ Massachusetts, ..	50 00
“ 16 “ “ France, ...	467 00	“ 1 “ “ Missouri, ...	10 00
“ 1 “ “ Illinois, ...	20 00	“ 18 “ “ New York, ...	362 00
“ 1 “ “ Ireland, ...	25 00	“ 1 “ “ Ohio, ...	20 00
“ 14 “ “ Louisiana, ...	385 00	“ 1 “ “ Pennsylvania, ..	15 00
		“ 7 “ “ South Carolina, ..	145 00

Amount carried forward, ..\$1901 25

112 applications for relief, ...

\$2766 25

RECAPITULATION.

Amount in the treasury Jan. 1, 1857, ...	\$892 75	
Received from the Lodges during the year, ...	1906 30	
Received from donations during the year, ...	2051 62	\$4850 67

Amount expended for charity during the year, ...	\$2766 25	
Amount expended for stationery, ...	34 00	2800 25

Leaving a balance in the treasury on the 31st day of Dec'r, 1857, of \$2050 42

The following is a summary of the receipts and disbursements of the Board during the two years of its existence:—

Receipts.

Year.	From the Lodges.	From Donations.	Total.
1856.	\$1928 25	\$1484 00	\$3412 25
1857.	1906 30	2051 62	3957 92
	<u>\$3834 55</u>	<u>\$3535 62</u>	<u>\$7370 17</u>

	<i>Expenditures.</i>					
Year.	Masons of California.	Of other Jurisdictions.	Widows & Orphans of California.	Of other Jurisdictions.	Blanks and Stationery.	Total.
1856.	\$113 00	\$1297 00	\$20 00	\$1054 50	\$35 00	\$2519 50
1857.	550 25	730 00	299 00	1187 00	34 00	2800 25
	<u>\$663 25</u>	<u>\$2027 00</u>	<u>\$319 00</u>	<u>\$2241 50</u>	<u>\$69 00</u>	<u>\$5319 75</u>

In conclusion the Board again acknowledges the liberality which has been evinced by the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, and the California Steam Navigation Company, in the transportation of poor brethren, or their families, at its request.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

By order of the Board, Dec. 31, A. L. 5858.

ALEX. G. ABELL, *Chairman.*

L. C. OWEN, *Secretary.*

Which report was received and laid on the table.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

In Grand Lodge.

MORNING SESSION, }
 Wednesday, May 12th, A. L. 5858. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 10 o'clock, A. M., the Grand Master presiding.

After prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the minutes of the sessions of yesterday were read and approved.

Bro. WM. H. HOWARD, from the Committee on Credentials, reported the following additional members as present and entitled to seats, viz.: from

Western Star,.....No. 2,.....J. ISAACS, proxy for Junior Warden.

Tehama,.....No. 3,.....JOHN F. MORSE, Past Master.

San Joaquin,.....No. 19,.....A. G. BROWN, proxy for Worshipful Master.

Occidental,.....No. 22,.....JAS. LAIDLEY, Junior Warden.

El Dorado,.....No. 26,.....F. H. HARMON, Junior Warden.

Golden Gate,.....No. 30,.....HENRY J. MORTON, Senior Warden.

Mokelumne,.....No. 31,.....J. L. WILKINS, Worshipful Master and P. M.

Sacramento,.....No. 40,.....WM. H. HILL, Senior Warden.

Los Angeles,.....No. 42,.....H. N. ALEXANDER, Worshipful Master.

Lebanon,.....No. 49,... { H. J. LABATT, Junior Warden ;
JOHN F. DAMON, Past Master.

Forbestown,.....No. 50,.....R. C. GASKILL, Representative.

Natoma,.....No. 64,.....H. N. H. BROWN, Junior Warden.

Amador,.....No. 65,.....O. D. AVELINE, proxy for Worshipful Master.

Eden,.....No. 113,.....P. E. EDMONDSON, Worshipful Master and P. M.

Which report was received and concurred in, and the brethren therein named were admitted to seats.

BRO. JAS. L. ENGLISH, from the committee to whom was referred the Grand Master's Address, presented the following report :—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California :—

Your committee to whom was referred the Address of the M. W. Grand Master, have had the same under consideration and recommend the following disposition of such portions thereof as require the action of this Grand Lodge :

We recommend that so much of said Address as refers to the refusal of the Grand Master to grant dispensations for the conferring the degrees upon applicants in less time than that provided by the Constitution; to his refusal to grant dispensations to re-ballot for persons rejected, within the time prescribed by the Constitution; to the circular issued by authority of the Grand Lodge of the State of Maine containing a resolution urging the formation of a General Grand Lodge of the United States to meet in September, 1859; to the continuance of the difficulties which still surround and embarrass our brethren of *Hawaiian* Lodge, No. 21; to a thorough revision of the Standing Resolutions; and to a repeal of the resolution permitting the subordinate Lodges to ballot for the three degrees at the same time, be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence :

That so much of said Address as refers to the work of the subordinate Lodges, and recommends that the work heretofore sanctioned by this Grand Lodge be fully exemplified at this Communication, be referred to the Committee on Work. :

That so much of said Address as refers to the issuing of Dispensations to new Lodges, and recommends that Charters be granted them, be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters :

That so much of said Address as refers to the arrest of the Charter of *Lebanon* Lodge, No. 49; to the suspension of an offending member of said Lodge from all the rights and privileges of Masonry; and to his being summoned to appear and take his trial before this Grand Lodge, be referred to a special committee of five :

That so much of said Address as refers to the communication from the Grand Orient of France, expressive of its wish to establish more intimate relations with this Grand Lodge, be referred to a special committee of three :

That so much of said Address as refers to the communication from the Lodge "*Clemente Amitié*," at Paris, in France, soliciting aid in the benevolent undertaking, by them begun, of establishing an Orphan Asylum, be referred to a special committee of three :

That so much of said Address as refers to the Grand Lodge of Virginia, asking the co-operation of the Grand Lodge of California in raising funds for the purchase of Mount Vernon, be referred to a special committee of three :

And that so much of said Address as refers to the communication from the Grand Master of Masons in Peru, giving information of the insubordination and

expulsion by the Grand Orient of that Republic, of two Lodges under its jurisdiction, for unmasonic conduct; to the address from the seceding Lodges, announcing the establishment of an organization independent of the Grand Orient of Peru; and to the pamphlet containing their defence for so doing; be referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, with instructions to ascertain all the facts connected with or bearing upon the subject, and to report at the next Communication of this Grand Lodge.

Your Committee approve of the action of the Grand Master in issuing, immediately upon the receipt of the communication from the Grand Master of Peru, notices to the Lodges within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, acquainting them with the facts, and prohibiting any intercourse with the rebellious Lodges or their members. No matter what the circumstances may have been which led to the insubordination, he could not have acted otherwise, consistently with Masonic law, until the facts had been investigated by the Grand Lodge, and other action recommended.

Your committee take great pleasure in saying that they regard the Address itself as a model, and commend it to the careful attention and consideration of the Brethren.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. L. ENGLISH,	} Committee.
WM. A. JANUARY,	
WM. McCORMICK,	
LOUIS COHN,	
E. LANE,	

Which report was received and concurred in.

The Grand Master announced the following Standing Committees:—

<i>On Grievances</i> :.....	{	Bro. Jas. L. English, “ Charles Raish, “ E. W. Roberts, “ L. Bates, “ A. L. Morrison.
<i>On Unfinished Business</i> :.....	{	Bro. Lewis Reynolds, “ Jas. W. Bicknell, “ Gilbert Lanphier, “ H. J. Bradley, “ Jonathan Green,
<i>On Finance and Accounts</i> :.....	{	Bro. John F. Morse, “ E. Lane, “ J. B. Carter, “ J. W. Brown, “ H. C. Harrison.
<i>On Dispensations and Charters</i> :.....	{	Bro. Thos. P. Hawley, “ J. W. Harville, “ M. P. H. Love, “ W. A. January, “ R. B. Moyes.
<i>On Work</i> :.....	{	Bro. Isaac Davis, “ E. Bogardus, “ P. W. Shephard, “ Wm. McKean, “ W. G. West.

<i>On Masonic Jurisprudence:.....</i>	{	Bro. Wm. H. Howard, " J. R. Crandall, " A. Hollub, " Thos. H. Williams, " Wm. S. Wells.
<i>On Education:.....</i>	{	Bro. John A. Tutt, " J. A. Raymond, " J. A. Jackson, " W. W. Traylor, " Darwin Chase.
<i>On By-Laws of Lodges:.....</i>	{	Bro. H. F. Williams. " E. W. Potter, " J. T. Higbee, " Geo. H. Cartter, " D. C. Stone.
<i>On Returns of Lodges:</i>	{	Bro. L. C. Owen, " J. B. Hewson, " A. T. Nelson, " Wm. D. Newton, " Arthur E. Waits.

On motion of Bro. P. W. SHEPHEARD, the report of the Masonic Board of Relief of the City of San Francisco, presented yesterday, was taken from the table, and ordered to be printed with the proceedings.

The Grand Secretary presented a transcript of the proceedings of *California* Lodge, No. 1, in the case of O. J. PRESTON, suspended by that Lodge on the fifth day of December, 1857;

Also, a transcript of the proceedings of the same Lodge in the case of C. F. BRAINERD, expelled by that Lodge on the twenty-eighth day of November, 1857; with the appeal of Bro. WM. REYNOLDS and others, members of that Lodge, from said action;

Also, a transcript of the proceedings of *Howard* Lodge, No. 96, in the case of J. P. EMERY, expelled by that Lodge on the twenty-fifth day of January, 1858;

Also, a transcript of the proceedings of the same Lodge in the case J. M. S. COOK, expelled by that Lodge on the twenty-third day of April, 1858;

Also, a transcript of the proceedings of *Western Star* Lodge, No. 2, in the case of CHAS. B. UHL, suspended by that Lodge on the twenty-fifth day of March, 1858, and his appeal therefrom;

Also, a transcript of the proceedings of *Bear Mountain* Lodge, No. 76, in the case of PETER A. WILLIAMS, expelled by that Lodge on the eighth day of July, 1857;

Also, a transcript of the proceedings of *Golden Gate* Lodge, No. 30,

in the case of CHARLES CLARK, expelled by that Lodge on the twentieth day of April, 1858 ;

Also, an appeal of B. F. FISK, from the action of *Humboldt* Lodge, No. 79, by which he was suspended on the fifth day of November, 1857 ;

Also, the appeal of Bro J. N. HUME, of the same Lodge, from its action in that case, for not inflicting the penalty of expulsion on said FISK ;

Also, a transcript of the proceedings of *Minnesota* Lodge, No. 67, in the case of G. A. WILSON, suspended by that Lodge on the nineteenth day of April, 1858 ;

Also, a transcript of the proceedings of *Mountain Forest* Lodge, No. 75, in the case of D. HARDY, suspended by that Lodge on the twenty-eighth day of March, 1858 ;

Also, sundry notices of expulsions and suspensions by other Lodges, in which cases transcripts of the proceedings have not been presented ;

All which were received and referred to the Committee on Grievances.

The Grand Secretary also presented the appeal of A. H. ROSE from the action of *Henry Clay* Lodge, No. 95, by which he was suspended for the non-payment of a certain assessment levied by that Lodge ; which was referred to a special committee of three.

The Grand Master announced the following brethren as such committee —

On the Appeal of A. H. Rose :	{	Bro. Wm. H. Howard,
		“ J. R. Crandall,
		“ A. Hollub.

The Grand Secretary presented the petitions, Dispensations, books and records of the several Lodges under dispensation, which were referred to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

He also presented the By-Laws of those Lodges, which were referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

He also presented the books, papers, &c., of *Iowa Hill* Lodge, No. 63, and *Wisconsin Hill* Lodge, No. 74, both which Lodges had surrendered their Charters ; and those of *Folsom* Lodge, U. D., which had ceased work under its Dispensation : all which were referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 2 o'clock, this afternoon.

In Grand Lodge.

AFTERNOON SESSION,
Wednesday, May 12th, A. L. 5858. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 2 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Master presiding.

Past Grand Master WM. H. HOWARD presented the credentials of Bro. JOHN S. GRAHAM, as the Representative of the Provincial Grand Lodge of New South Wales near the Grand Lodge of California; whereupon Bro. GRAHAM was introduced, and received with due honors in that capacity.

The Grand Master announced the following special committees in accordance with the recommendations presented in the report of the committee upon his Address :—

<i>On the communication from the Grand Orient of France :</i>	{ Bro. H. H. Hartley, “ R. C. Gaskill, “ C. A. Hathwell.
<i>On the communication from the Lodge Clemente Amitié, at Paris :</i>	{ Bro. P. W. Shephard, “ E. E. Eyre, “ G. W. Hopkins,
<i>On the communication from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, relative to the purchase of Mt. Vernon :</i>	{ Bro. A. Martin, “ H. A. Higley, “ H. F. Williams.
<i>On the suspension of Lebanon Lodge, No. 49, and of Joseph Mayer :</i>	{ Bro. Chas. Marsh, “ A. Hayward, “ J. M. Tingley, “ L. C. Van Allen, “ I. N. Barnes.

The Grand Secretary presented a letter from the R. W. JAS. W. POWELL, accepting the appointment of Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of New York; which was read and ordered to be placed on file.

He also presented a letter from the W. JAMES W. CLAIBORNE, Grand Orator, regretting that his absence from the State will prevent him from the performance of the duties of his office; which was read and ordered to be placed on file.

He also presented a memorial from *El Dorado* Lodge, No. 26, relative to the proposed change of name of WM. JOHNSON, one of its

members, which was received and referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

He also presented a petition from sundry brethren residing at and near Nicolaus, in Sutter County, praying for a Charter to establish a new Lodge at that place; which was referred to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

He also presented a memorial from Bro. WM. GROVE DEAL, setting forth certain heavy expenditures by him in the years 1849 and 1850, and praying relief from the Grand Lodge; which was referred to a special committee of three.

The Grand Master named the following brethren as such special committee —

On the memorial of Bro. Wm. Grove Deal,..... { Bro. Wm. H. Hill,
“ H. U. Jennings,
“ Isaac M. Walters.

Bro. LEWIS REYNOLDS, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, presented the following report:—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—

The Committee on Unfinished Business respectfully report that they have carefully examined the published record of the proceedings at the last Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, and find the following matters still requiring action:—

The consideration of the proposed new Constitution, presented last year by a committee previously appointed to prepare it, was postponed until the present session. (See printed proceedings, 1857, page 34.)

A petition from *Hawaiian* Lodge, No. 21, at Honolulu, in the Hawaiian Islands, asking that a District Deputy Grand Master for those Islands be appointed, was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, (See printed proceedings, 1857, page 100,) but no report appears to have been made thereon.

The report of a special committee upon the subject of “Side Degrees,” presented at the last Communication, was laid over until the present session. (See printed proceedings, 1857, page 111.)

The committee upon the donation of lands by Bro. A. M. WINN was again continued. (See printed proceedings, 1857, page 128.)

The following amendments to the Constitution were proposed at the last Communication, and, having been then approved by a majority of the votes present, will come up for action at the present meeting, viz.:—

To amend Article XIII., by striking it out and inserting instead thereof the following:—

“ART. XIII. Any proposed amendment or alteration of this Constitution shall be presented to the Grand Lodge in writing at an Annual Communication, before the election of Grand Officers, by the representatives of at least three subordinate Lodges; and, if sanctioned by two thirds of the members present, shall become a part of this Constitution.” (See printed Proceedings, 1857, page 101.)

To amend Article XIII. by striking out the concluding paragraph, which is in the following words: “*Provided*, That the vote on such proposed amend-

ment shall be taken prior to the election of Grand Officers." (See printed Proceedings, 1857, page 101.)

The foregoing, it is believed, includes all the business remaining unfinished at the close of the last Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

LEWIS REYNOLDS,	} Committee.
JAS. W. BICKNELL,	
H. J. BRADLEY,	
GILBERT LANPHIER,	
JONATHAN GREEN,	

Which report was received and laid on the table.

Bro. ALEX. G. ABELL, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the following report:—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—

Again your Committee on Foreign Correspondence have carefully examined the proceedings of the various Grand Lodges of the United States, which have been received since their last report, together with sundry correspondence from Canada, from Europe, and from South America; and again they will endeavor to present a reflex of the transactions of those bodies, with such comments as their limited time and humble abilities shall enable them to prepare. The following are the printed proceedings which have reached them in time to be reviewed for this Communication, viz. :—

ALABAMA, ...	for Dec., ...	1857.	MISSISSIPPI, ...	for Jan., ...	1857.
ARKANSAS, ...	" Nov., ...	1856.	MISSOURI, ...	" May, ...	1857.
CONNECTICUT, ...	" May, ...	1857.	NEBRASKA, ...	" Sept., ...	1857.
DELAWARE, ...	" June, ...	1856.	NEW HAMPSHIRE, ...	" June, ...	1857.
DIST. COLUMBIA, to	Dec., ...	1856.	NEW JERSEY, ...	" Jan., ...	1857.
FLORIDA, ...	for Jan., ...	1857.	NEW YORK, ...	" June, ...	1857.
GEORGIA, ...	" Oct., ...	1856.	NORTH CAROLINA, ...	" Dec., ...	1856.
ILLINOIS, ...	" Oct., ...	1857.	OHIO, ...	" Oct., ...	1857.
INDIANA, ...	" May, ...	1857.	OREGON, ...	" June, ...	1857.
IOWA, ...	" June, ...	1857.	PENNSYLVANIA, ...	" Dec., ...	1856.
KANSAS, ...	" Oct., ...	1857.	SOUTH CAROLINA, ...	to Dec., ...	1856.
KENTUCKY, ...	" Oct., ...	1857.	TENNESSEE, ...	for Oct., ...	1857.
LOUISIANA, ...	" Feb., ...	1857.	TEXAS, ...	" Jan., ...	1857.
MAINE, ...	" May, ...	1857.	VERMONT, ...	" Jan., ...	1857.
MARYLAND, ...	to May, ...	1857.	VIRGINIA, ...	" Dec., ...	1857.
MICHIGAN, ...	for Jan., ...	1857.	WISCONSIN, ...	" June, ...	1857.
MINNESOTA, ...	" Jan., ...	1857.	Being in all 33 G. Lodges of the U. S.,		

besides the proceedings of the "Grand Lodge of Canada," from its formation on the tenth day of October, 1855, to its second Annual Communication on the ninth day of July, 1857,—the proceedings of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West, from the twenty-first day of May, 1856, to the ninth day of September, 1857, and of its successor, the "Ancient Grand Lodge of Canada," on the tenth day of September of that year—the Bulletin of the Grand Orient of France for the months of January, February, March, and April, 1857, its Masonic Calendar for that year, and sundry correspondence—the Regulations and By-Laws of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Victoria, (Australia,) held under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Ireland—sundry communications from the National Grand Orient of Peru—and a Manifesto and Circular from three seceding Lodges under the jurisdiction of this last-named body, announcing the establishment of an organization styled the Grand Lodge of Peru.

We regret that our file of the transactions of American Grand Lodges lacks the contributions of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, but it is certainly a subject for congratulation that of thirty-five now existing in the United States, (be-

sides our own,) the publications of but two have failed to reach us. As heretofore, we prefix our annual growl at the musty antiquity of a few of them, and then proceed to their consideration, commencing with

A L A B A M A .

The Grand Lodge of this State begun its Annual Communication for the year 1857, at the City of Montgomery, on the seventh day of December—the *M. W.* J. McCaleb Wiley, Grand Master, presiding, and the *R. W.* Amantuse S. Pfister acting as Grand Secretary.

The Address of the Grand Master contains a biographical sketch and proper tribute to the memory of the late Grand Secretary, the *R. W.* Amant P. Pfister, who died soon after the close of the preceding Communication. For nearly twenty years he had occupied that office, and, as was well said by Bro. Wiley, “the records of the Grand Lodge will constitute a monument to his memory as lasting as the bonds of our Union.” The appointment of the brother of the deceased, above named, to fill the vacancy thus created, is announced. The Grand Master earnestly urges upon the Lodges the importance of Masonic Libraries; recommends the retention of a good Master in office as long as he can be induced to serve; and suggests the propriety of adopting the system of paying *per diem* and mileage to one delegate to the Grand Lodge from each subordinate. The necessity for a uniform code of by-laws for the Lodges is strongly set forth, and the inquiry is offered whether it would not be an improvement upon the present mode of publishing the proceedings, to append lists of the membership in that jurisdiction. He expresses the opinion that the system of District Deputy Grand Masters “has not worked to much advantage,” though he is not disposed to recommend its abandonment until it shall have been further tested during another year. An interchange of Representatives with the Grand Lodges of Arkansas, Florida, and Louisiana, is recorded, and the issue of twelve Dispensations—seven to form new Lodges, and five to revive extinct ones—is announced. He recommends the cessation of intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, and a refusal to recognize as Masons those hailing from its subordinates, until the intrusive warrants sent by it to New York shall be withdrawn; and he closes his address with some remarks upon the new organizations in Canada, expressive of an opinion adverse to their recognition.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. Wm. A. Ferrell. It is very brief, but we perceive that the writer has found time to record his disapproval of the new test introduced by Ohio, which requires of a candidate, instead of, or in addition to the time-honored Masonic requisite of a belief in God, the declaration of a belief in the divine authenticity of the Holy Scriptures. Several Lodges, whose Charters had been declared forfeited at the preceding Communication, for non-compliance with the requirements of the Constitution, having now made amends, were restored to the registry. A resolution was adopted in earnest approval of the great work of Bro. Morris,—the “Universal Masonic Library,”—and at a later period we observe that action still more earnest was had by the passage of an order to purchase a copy of that publication for each Lodge within the jurisdiction. When it is remembered that last year every Lodge was furnished with Morris’s Code of Masonic Law, and that there are about two hundred and twenty Lodges in the State, the appropriation will appear most liberal; but that it is as wise as liberal, if the means are at hand to afford it, no intelligent Mason will be likely to deny. Jewels were presented to Past Grand Masters S. A. M. Wood, Edward Herndon, and William Hendrix; a committee to prepare a uniform code of by-laws for the Lodges was appointed; and an amendment to the Constitution, prescribing a mode of perfecting and perpetuating the work, was presented by a committee of which Past Grand Master David Clopton was the chairman. The financial reports show that the receipts during the year were \$7743, the disbursements \$6871, and that there remained in the treasury the sum of \$8739, besides a Trust Fund, in notes, amounting to \$8107. Two hundred and fifteen chartered Lodges and five under dispensation now appear upon the registry, an increase of nine since our last report. The Communication lasted five days, during which the *M. W.* J. McCaleb Wiley was reelected Grand Master, and the *R. W.* Daniel Sayre was elected Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS.

Our latest intelligence from the Grand Lodge of Arkansas is contained in the published proceedings of its Annual Communication commenced at the City of Little Rock, on the third day of November, 1856,—the *M. W. NAT. G. SMITH*, Grand Master, presiding, and the *R. W. THOS. D. MERRICK* being Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master, in his Address, recommends that the reports of the District Deputies be published for the good of the Craft, although he states that, for various reasons given, those officers have “generally failed to visit the Lodges, as their duty requires them to do.” He announces the issue of ten Dispensations for the formation of new Lodges during the year; describes the duties and qualifications of Masters; urges the strictest discipline in the government of Lodges, and the great necessity for regularity of attendance on the part of their members; suggests further additions to the Library; and declares his opinion in favor of the right of withdrawal. He strongly opposes the recognition of the independent Grand Lodge of Canada; sincerely congratulates the brethren that Masonry affords one peaceful spot, free from the agitating effects of party strife and sectional politics; and hopefully anticipates the completion of St. John’s College—his faith in this last being strengthened by a recurrence to certain events which happened to the children of Israel, “under the reign of Jehoshaphat,” and by a firm reliance upon the financial conclusion “that interest, at ten per cent. per annum, pretty soon makes a big pile.”

Sundry decisions by the Grand Master during the year are presented, in accordance with the regulation of Arkansas, as follows:—That it is unnecessary to install the officers of a Lodge under dispensation—That a Lodge failing to elect and install its officers at the proper time, must receive authority from the Grand Master to do so at a subsequent period—That the reception of the first two degrees does not *entitle* a candidate to the third—That unanimity is required in the reception of candidates for initiation—That the advancement of a candidate may be arrested at any stage, for sufficient cause—That a member may cast a black ball without assigning any reason therefor—That a Lodge may affiliate a member without a demit, in case of the dissolution of the Lodge to which he last belonged—That a Lodge may adopt a new code of by-laws, if it be not in violation of any landmark or of any edict of the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Lodge shall approve it—That the Secretary of a Lodge is bound to obey the will of the Master and the Lodge in recording all things proper to be written—That fees should be returned when degrees are not conferred—That a member may object to the advancement of a candidate on other grounds than those of immorality or unmasonic conduct—That a ballot cannot be reconsidered at a subsequent meeting—And that proficiency in the preceding degree should be attained before advancement.

We have enumerated the foregoing decisions only because we thought it remarkable that such simple Masonic truisms as most of them are, should have been deemed so doubtful as to make “decisions” necessary. There are others upon which we shall offer a word or two. 1st—That a failure on the part of a Lodge to meet for twelve months, involves the forfeiture of its Charter. This, we think, should not be enunciated as a general law of Masonry, as it is a matter properly depending upon the particular regulation of the Grand Lodge having jurisdiction. 2d—That “an entry should never be made, either on the petition or Lodge books, of how a committee (on investigation of the fitness of a candidate) reported.” We have never heard this announced before. In our own jurisdiction it is the custom to make such reports in writing, and the substance of them is entered upon the record; and it seems to us that if the minutes show (as, with all deference to Virginia, we think all Lodge records should) that a petition has been referred to a committee for their opinion, they should also show, at the proper time, the result of such a reference. 3d—That “if a candidate is rejected,” the Lodge may return his petition to him, or retain it, at discretion. This too is new to us. We had supposed it to be well settled that even after reference to a committee, no petition could be withdrawn; but whatever difference of opinion or of practice there might at some time have been on

this point, it has not before fallen under our observation that a petition might be restored to an applicant *after rejection*. Even were it done, what object would the petitioner have gained by the recovery of a simple piece of paper, when the records of the Lodge exhibited its contents and the consequences resulting? 4th—That “a subordinate Lodge has the authority to restore an expelled member, by unanimous vote, to membership,” but that the action of the Grand Lodge “is necessary to restore him to all the rights and privileges of a Mason.” Now this is difficult for us to comprehend. We have been under the impression that a Grand Lodge only should restore in cases of expulsion, and such certainly appears to be the general usage in the United States. But, whether this be true or not, if a subordinate may thus far effect a restoration, what need is there for further action by the Grand Lodge, when membership, in good standing, in a legal Lodge, is the first and most complete title to all the rights and privileges of Masonry? It seems to us that almost the converse of Bro. SMITH’s opinion is generally held to be the true decision—that while the Grand Lodge may restore an expelled Mason to the rights and privileges of Masonry at large, it may *not* restore him to membership in the Lodge from which he was ejected, without its proper assent. There are a few other decisions of the Grand Master of Arkansas, but as they relate only to matters probably governed by the regulations of that Grand Lodge, we make no comment on them.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is presented by Bro. L. E. BARBER, who lately occupied the Oriental Chair in that Grand Lodge. To those who have read the papers which have heretofore proceeded from his pen, it is needless to say that it is a well-written summary of the transactions of the twenty-three Grand Lodges reviewed by him. We perceive that his opinion relative to the new test introduced by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and followed by Iowa and Indiana, coincides with our own,—he considering it “not only a wide departure from the old regulations, but a dangerous innovation, leading to consequences which cannot be foreseen.” Sundry acts of the Grand Lodge of California, and opinions of its committees, are quoted and commended; and we have the gratification of hearing that our report of 1856, was not altogether barren of effect, as it had served to clothe Bro. BARBER “with the armor of good humor,” when called on to notice the dread onslaught upon Arkansas, made by a former committee of Iowa. He is opposed to definite suspensions, which, three years ago, were abolished in our jurisdiction; and is unwilling at present to advise the recognition of the new Grand Lodge of Canada.

We observe that on behalf of the Trustees of St. John’s College, a very long report is presented by Bro. SOLON BORLAND, in which the poets are made to do an unusual amount of duty, and the action of the Grand Lodge in revoking the edict of 1853, levying a contribution for the College, is strongly disapproved. Another thing we observe which concerns the Grand Lodge of California. The Committee on Appeals and Grievances, among others, presented the following report:—

“Your committee have examined the correspondence between the Secretary of *Franklin Lodge*, No. 9, (in Arkansas) and the D. G. Lecturer of Los Angeles District, in California, in relation to the expulsion of W. W. REUBOTTOM, by said *Franklin Lodge*; and are of the opinion that the action of *Los Angeles Lodge*, in admitting said REUBOTTOM to membership, with the knowledge of the fact of his expulsion by *Franklin Lodge*, is a breach of Masonic law and usage, and should subject said *Los Angeles Lodge* to censure. They therefore report that the request of *Los Angeles Lodge* to *Franklin Lodge*, (to restore said REUBOTTOM to membership) is unreasonable and unmasonic, and that Masonic usage required the D. G. Lecturer to communicate with this Grand Lodge, and not with *Franklin Lodge*, No. 9.”

The report was adopted, and very properly. Who the “D. G. Lecturer of Los Angeles District” was we are not aware; but if it be true that a Lodge in this jurisdiction has received a man into membership, knowing him to be an expelled Mason, it is very certain that something more than “censure” should be the meed of the transgression. Your committee therefore present this matter to your notice for examination, expressing at the same time their acquiescence in the views of our brethren of Arkansas, as contained in the concluding paragraph of the report above quoted.

An oration was delivered by the Grand Orator, Bro. GEO. A. GALLAGHER. Resolutions to enforce the payment of arrears due for contributions to the St. John's College Fund, under the edict of 1853, and to solicit further aid to that undertaking, were adopted. A committee was appointed to prepare a uniform code of by-laws for the government of the Lodges. The financial reports show the receipts for the year to have been \$3365, the balance in the Treasurer's hands, \$2837, and the amount of the College Fund \$2296 in cash, \$6108 in real estate, and \$14,408 in notes of hand. There are now one hundred and two chartered Lodges, and nine under dispensation, existing in the State, showing an increase of twelve since our last report. The Communication continued four days, the *M. W. D. F. ARMSTRONG* having been elected Grand Master, and the *R. W. THOS. D. MERRICK*, reelected Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of this State, for the year 1857, was held at the City of Hartford, commencing on the thirteenth day of May—the *M. W. WILLIAM L. BREWER*, Grand Master, presiding, and the *R. W. ELIPHALET G. STORER* being Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master, in his Address, adverts to the decease of several of the older members of that body; announces the issue of three Dispensations to form new Lodges; pays a brief tribute to the memory of our distinguished brother, E. K. KANE; and recommends that action be taken for the preservation of the ancient records of the Grand Lodge, which, from its organization in 1783 to the year 1819, are found only "on loose scraps of paper, nearly all in manuscript, and much worn and mutilated." The Address concludes with a notice of an interesting relic of the past, now among the archives of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. This is a Charter granted by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, on the fifteenth day of February, 1776, to "*American Union Lodge*," a traveling Lodge in the Connecticut Line of the Continental Army, together with its records, fully kept, during the war of the Revolution.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is, as for several years past, from the ready pen of Bro. WM. STORER. In his notice of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of this State, he adverts to some remarks offered by us, in a preceding report, in reply to an opinion expressed by him that a Lodge under dispensation was "not really and in fact a Lodge, but only a temporary association of Masons," &c. He says—

"The California committee do not exactly agree with us in our definition of a Lodge under dispensation. They very pertinently ask, if such a body be 'no Lodge, in what position are those Masons placed who have received their degrees therein, when called upon to answer the inquiry where they were made?' Perhaps we were not quite explicit enough, on a former occasion, in giving our views of a Lodge under dispensation. It may be, and probably is, true that such a body is in some sense a Lodge—at least so far as the authority to 'make Masons' is involved; but so far as we have been enabled to discover, the best authorities agree that such a Lodge is not empowered to receive members, nor are its officers entitled to installation. The persons made Masons therein can not even become members of that particular body, and have no right to vote therein, until the Lodge is duly chartered. Every Mason knows that a 'Lodge is a certain number of Masons, duly assembled,' with the proper implements of the Craft, 'and a Charter or Warrant empowering them to work.' Now, as we understand the matter, the Dispensation of a Grand Master is not such a 'Charter or Warrant,' but merely a document of temporary existence, authorizing certain individuals to perform certain acts till the next meeting of the Grand Lodge, when all the authority of the instrument comes to an end. If otherwise, why come to the Grand Lodge at all for a Charter? Why not act perpetually under the Dispensation? As to the persons receiving the degrees in a Lodge under dispensation, doubtless they are *Masons*, because the mysteries of Masonry have been regularly and lawfully entrusted to them. They may become members of the Lodge on its receiving a Charter, and in case none is issued, they may become members of some other Lodge, in the usual way."

It has always been with great diffidence that we have advanced opinions which were opposed to those who were older, and doubtless better soldiers than ourselves in the Masonic ranks; and we have never been unwilling to be convinced, by *proof* or *argument*, when we were wrong in any conclusion at which

we had arrived. But will Bro. STORER say that there is either in the quotation just presented? Is it not simply a somewhat reluctant relinquishment of a portion of an original assertion, and an assertion only still as regards that to which he yet adheres? Let us examine it in detail. He says "the California Committee do not *exactly* agree with us," &c. Not "exactly," we should suppose, as the difference in opinion was positive, the one affirming, the other denying a proposition. Our Connecticut brother declared a Lodge under Dispensation to be "*not* in fact a Lodge," while we entertained no doubt that it *was* in fact a Lodge, and at the time gave some reasons for our opinion. Now, however, the difference is not so wide a one, as Bro. STORER doubtfully admits that such a body "may be and probably is in some sense a Lodge," but yet insists that it "*is not* empowered to receive members," &c. Why not? Who has had the authority to promulgate a *general* law of Masonry in this respect, or what custom is there in regard to it, which, like our old regulations, is so ancient as to command universal observance? Can any *reason* be given why each Grand Lodge may not prescribe for itself the powers which shall be conferred upon its subordinates thus established? There *are* certain things to which antiquity—immemorial usage—has given the absolute force of law; but it is scarcely probable that this comparatively very modern mode of instituting Lodges, by so-called "dispensation," with its greater or lesser extent of authority conferred, will be claimed by any as among them. That a Lodge of this kind has no authority beyond that which is given in the instrument creating it, is of course most true; but that a Grand Lodge may authorize the granting in that instrument of such powers, besides the mere liberty "to make Masons," as are given to other Lodges, we have as yet heard nothing to make us doubt.

Our brother of Connecticut says also, of such a Lodge, "nor are its officers entitled to installation." This we understand to be a generally received opinion, and it is that held in California, though it does *not* appear to be so in the jurisdiction which Bro. STORER represents. In our report of 1855, we noticed incidentally, that in Connecticut it seemed to be the practice to install the officers of Lodges under dispensation; to which he responded in 1856, that the cases alluded to were errors which would probably not again occur in that State. Yet, notwithstanding this opinion, we observe in the proceedings now before us, a report from the Deputy Grand Master, stating among other things, that by order of the Grand Master, and with the assistance of other Grand Officers, he had installed the officers of two such Lodges during the year just past: and the record adds that "his official acts were approved by the Grand Lodge." We do not mention this with any intent to criticise the action of that Grand Body in this respect, as, for aught we know, it has a perfect right to inaugurate such Lodges in the same manner that it does those existing by virtue of a Charter. But it is only done to show that Connecticut, no more than California, recognizes any such *general law* as is asserted by the intelligent chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Bro. STORER says further—"Every Mason knows that a Lodge is a certain number of Masons, duly assembled, with the proper implements of the Craft, and a Charter or Warrant empowering them to work;" adding then that "the Dispensation of a Grand Master is *not* such a Charter or Warrant, but merely a document of temporary existence, authorizing certain individuals to perform certain acts till the next meeting of the Grand Lodge." We understand the words "Charter" and "Warrant" to be synonymous terms as used in Masonry. In England we believe the last name is the one in use, as we know it to be the one employed in New York. With us, following the usage of most of the American Grand Lodges, it has been the custom to use the first; and thus, unlike the concluding portion of the formula given above for the definition of a Lodge, we add "and a Charter or *Dispensation* empowering them to work." For the rest, we readily admit that a Dispensation is not a Charter, else we would not use the words as distinctive terms; and that it only authorizes the performance of *certain acts* (therein expressed) till the next meeting of the Grand Lodge," is precisely the language we would ourselves have used in describing it. Let those acts be such only as the Grand Lodge within whose jurisdiction it is issued, shall have authorized.

A word more in regard to the doubt which our distinguished brother of Connecticut seems still to entertain, whether such a body as that of which we have been treating can properly be called a Lodge. In answer to our inquiry in a previous report, he replies that "the persons receiving the degrees in a Lodge under Dispensation are doubtless Masons, because the mysteries of Masonry have been *regularly and lawfully entrusted to them.*" Could that be done elsewhere than in a regular and lawfully constituted Lodge of Masons? Bro. STORER is in favor of the recognition of the new Grand Lodge of Canada, and at a later period the Grand Lodge, by a unanimous vote, adopted a resolution to that effect, which had been rejected the year before. We observe, with regret, that he has declined to serve for the coming year upon the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, but hope that ere long we may meet him again in the capacity in which he has so well served during so many years.

A Gavel made from wood of the Charter Oak was presented to the Grand Lodge. The Grand Secretary announced that, in addition to the \$100 appropriated last year by the Grand Lodge, \$145 had been received from the subordinate Lodges, for transmission to the "Relief Lodge" at New Orleans, to reimburse that body for the sums expended in charity to Masons from Connecticut. It would be gratifying if some of our Eastern brethren would be as thoughtful in regard to the disbursements made by the "Masonic Board of Relief" in the City of San Francisco, for aid to the suffering and needy of their respective jurisdictions. Fifty dollars was appropriated to the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for his report, but it was resolved that not more than \$25 should be paid for such service thereafter. It seems to us that if such labor is to be paid for at all, the first named sum affords little enough remuneration. The financial reports show the total receipts of the year to have been \$629, and the disbursements \$520, with a balance in the treasury of \$376. The Grand Secretary reports fifty-four Lodges as now existing in the State, being three less than our last report exhibited. The Grand Lodge was two days in session, and the Grand Master and Grand Secretary were both reelected.

DELAWARE.

We have no later information from the Grand Lodge of Delaware than that contained in the proceedings at its Annual Communication for the year 1856, held at the City of Wilmington, on the twenty-seventh day of June—the *M. W.* ALFRED P. ROBINSON, Grand Master, presiding, and the *R. W.* DANIEL R. WOLFE being Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master presented an Address, in which he congratulates the Fraternity in his jurisdiction upon the prosperity which has there prevailed; recommends the establishment of Masonic libraries by the subordinate Lodges; suggests the abolition of the semi-annual Communications, as being unnecessary and always unattended; and chronicles the decease of the *M. W.* Bro. JOHN McLUNG, a Past Grand Master of that State.

No Report on Foreign Correspondence appears, the committee on that subject for the year before having possibly exploded the idea that such reports should be tolerated in Delaware. The financial statements show that \$60 had been paid in, and that \$104 had been paid out, but give no further information. Ten Lodges still appear upon the register, as before. A single day sufficed to transact the business of the Communication, and the Grand Master and Grand Secretary were both reelected.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The proceedings of this Grand Lodge now before us are somewhat ancient, comprising the transactions at a Special Communication on the twentieth day of February—at the Semi-Annual Communication on the sixth day of May—at a Special Communication on the Anniversary of St. John the Baptist—at the Annual Communication on the fourth day of November—and at the Installation Communication on the Anniversary of St. John the Evangelist; all holden at the City of Washington in the year 1856—the *M. W.* CHARLES S. FRAILEY, Grand Master, presiding, and the *R. W.* GEORGE C. WHITING being Grand Secretary.

The Communication first named was called for the purpose of performing the funeral obsequies of the *M. W. ROBERT KEYWORTH*, a Past Grand Master of that jurisdiction. At the Semi-Annual Communication, the Grand Master delivered a brief Address, in which he offered a proper tribute to the memory of Bro. KEYWORTH; made sundry suggestions relative to matters only of domestic interest; and presented the information received relative to the new Grand Lodge of Canada in terms which seemed to favor its recognition. The committee to whom the Address was referred reported a resolution recognizing that Grand Lodge, and the resolution was adopted.

At the Annual Communication the Grand Master again presented an Address, which the committee to whom it was referred most justly describe as one "combining the elements that should ever characterize the heart of a true Freemason." In it he alludes to the Congress of Masons in Paris, where that Grand Lodge was represented; notices a striking instance of his unyielding opposition to so called "cases of emergency"; sets forth the condition of the Craft within his jurisdiction; animadvert upon the conduct of a Lodge which had granted a demit to a member while under a charge of criminal offence against the laws of the country; suggests additions to the library of the Grand Lodge; and declines a reelection to the office he holds.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Bro. GEO. C. WHITING, then Grand Secretary, and now Grand Master of the District; and it is certainly a most creditable paper. We perceive that he disapproves the regulation of California which permits Lodges to ballot for all the degrees at one time, suggesting that the practice "is not in strict conformity with Ancient Craft Masonry." The suggestion is doubtless a fact, as Lodges in "ancient" times conferred but one degree, and they had nothing more to ballot for—the Grand Lodge performing the remainder of the work. We do not consider the question as one of much importance, as is evident from the fact that Lodges in this jurisdiction are allowed to ballot in either manner, as their own by-laws may determine. It is simply one of expediency and convenience, and we have not yet learned that in this State any evil has grown out of the permission which has been given. Bro. WHITING also records his disapprobation of another regulation of the Grand Lodge of California, giving to Lodges under dispensation the privilege of receiving members by affiliation, which, though not formally adopted until 1856, was but the echo of the usage which has prevailed here from the beginning. Though he admits the reasonableness of our former proposition, that a body worthy of being given the important authority to *make* Masons, might well be entrusted with the lesser privilege of admitting to membership those already made, he is of the opinion that "there appears no legal way by which such authority can be conferred." Is there any "legal way" by which the conferring of such authority can be prevented, when that authority proceeds from the Supreme Masonic Power? We are compelled to say, with all courtesy and respect, that the argument of our brother of Columbia does not at all strike us as sufficient. The assertion that the establishing a Lodge by dispensation is but the exertion of the (so called) power of the Grand Master "to make Masons at sight," requires not a little proof; and to say that a Grand Lodge may not grant power to such Lodges to affiliate members, simply because it is a general custom in the United States not to "*constitute*" them or "*install*" their officers, does not seem to us a very conclusive *sequitur*. As we are not aware that this mode of establishing Lodges can claim any very venerable degree of antiquity, and as we have never encountered any ancient law upon the subject, we see no reason to doubt that each Grand Lodge may, with perfect propriety, regulate for itself the extent of power to be conferred upon them. In our report of 1856 we had occasion in two or three places to speak upon this subject, and, to save time now, we quote one paragraph from that report, which was written to keep our courage up against the bugbears of "landmarks" and "innovations," which had been let loose upon us.

"We have as much veneration for the '*landmarks* which our fathers have set,' and as little desire 'to make innovations upon the *body* of Masonry,' as any of our brethren can possibly evince. But we most modestly suggest that every custom which a few

years have sanctioned, and which relates only to the local mode of government and to the police regulations of the Order, is not a 'land-mark' or a portion of the 'body of Masonry.' Even if antiquity is to be considered a sufficient argument in the maintenance of any Masonic custom, however repugnant to the common sense of the present day, we are yet to learn that it can properly be offered in the present case. So far as we can learn, the practice of issuing 'Dispensations' to open new Lodges, as in use in the United States, is of American origin, and Masonry has not yet become so ancient on this continent, as to authorize the setting up of its usages as land-marks. It is our impression that in England, the country whence we derive the 'Regulations' by which we profess to be governed, such instruments are only issued by the Provincial Grand Master, for a brief period, until the will of the Grand Master can be ascertained. If that be favorable, a Warrant is given by him, which fully empowers those to whom it is granted to do all that a Lodge of Masons of right may do, and its only qualification is that the next succeeding Grand Lodge has the power either to confirm or annul it, a power which, after all, any Grand Lodge has over the Charters of all its subordinates at any time. It would seem, then, that if there be 'innovation' any where, it is not in the addition to the limited privileges by some so stoutly maintained as necessary to the lawfulness of Lodges under dispensation, but is really in that very limitation itself. The practice is doubtless a good one that Lodges in their infancy should be more particularly subjected to the scrutiny of the Grand Lodge, that it may determine by the evidences offered whether the new creation should be continued in existence. But by whatever name their tenure may be known, whether Dispensation, Charter, or Warrant, we can see no reason and have heard of no law why they should not be Lodges in *fact* as well as in *name*, and while they exist, do all that a regular Lodge is empowered to do by the ancient laws."

Before parting with Bro. WHITING, we consider it a duty to let him know how much he is indebted to our unconquerable sweetness of temper and forgivingness of disposition; for who but one possessing those amiable qualities in great intensity, could patiently see his proper name so mangled in the spelling by a friend who had known him for more than sixteen years.

At this Communication the question of the recognition of the new Body in Canada, was again brought before the Grand Lodge, and a most interesting and instructive report upon the subject was presented by Bro. B. B. FRENCH. It appears that at the time when action in this matter was had, as before related, at the Semi-Annual Communication, the circular of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West, in reply to the statement of the Independent Grand Lodge, had not been received. After its appearance, the Grand Master, entertaining great doubt in regard to the propriety of the conclusion at which the Grand Lodge of the District had arrived, referred it, with the whole subject therewith connected, to the committee who had previously reported the resolution of recognition; and the result was the paper now before us, which, after treating the question at great length, and with that ability which few more than Bro. FRENCH possess, reaffirms in the most positive terms the decision previously pronounced. We confess that our opinions in regard to the legality of the course pursued by our Canada brethren, have been not a little unsettled by his arguments and the proofs he brings to bear in their support; but as we propose, if time be found, to devote a separate place to the consideration of this subject, we leave it now until a more mature and careful examination can be had.

At the Inaugural Communication, a very handsome Valedictory was pronounced by the retiring Grand Master, and an appropriate Address was delivered by his successor. The financial reports exhibit the monetary position of each Lodge in the jurisdiction, as well as that of the Grand Lodge. The receipts of the last for the year were \$444, the disbursements \$400, and there remained in the treasury a balance of \$608. The number of Lodges in the District is ten, there having been no change since our last report. The *M. W.* GEORGE C. WHITING was elected Grand Master, and the *R. W.* GUSTAVUS A. SCHWARZMAN, Grand Secretary.

FLORIDA

The Grand Lodge of this State commenced its Annual Communication for the year 1857, at the City of Tallahassee, on the twelfth day of January—the *M. W.* RICHARD A. SHINE, Grand Master, presiding, and the *R. W.* JOHN B. TAYLOR being Grand Secretary.

The Address of the Grand Master is very brief. He announces in fitting terms the decease of the *M. W.* JOSEPH B. LANCASTER, a Past Grand Master of Florida; states that three Dispensations for the establishment of new Lodges had been issued; and places before the brethren the communication of the Independent Grand Lodge of Canada, without offering any opinion thereupon.

A long and well prepared Report on Foreign Correspondence is presented by Bro. THOMAS BROWN. Though he does not in all things agree with the views presented in our report of 1856, we are happy to perceive that there are many which he approves; and we take the occasion to proffer our thanks for the flattering compliment which he has been kind enough to bestow upon our labors. He expresses his surprise at a passing remark of ours in regard to sundry strictures of other committees upon the practice of "going into Committee of the Whole" in the Grand Lodge of Indiana,—which was to the effect that we saw no reason why the brethren in that State should not be permitted to do their own legislation in their own way; and he adds that mortification was felt, too, at meeting "such an argument addressed to the consideration of experienced, discriminating Masons, upon a subject of Masonic custom and usage," by those whom he considers as "intelligent." Now we think that Bro. BROWN will see, upon reflection, that in this we offered no "argument" at all, and no opinion even upon "a subject of Masonic custom and usage," for that implies something which is common to and affects the whole Craft. It was a mere suggestion that a little peculiarity in the domestic management of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, was hardly a matter of sufficient importance to the Fraternity beyond that jurisdiction, to make it worth while to wage war upon it; and we were induced to make the remark, because, in other instances besides this, as we then said, "there is too frequent a disposition to find fault with the mere local practices or regulations of other bodies, for no better reason, generally, than that they differ from those of the bodies to which the writers themselves belong." It was not while treating of Florida that this paragraph was written, and we did not then, and do not now intend it in the least to apply to her committee. Nor did we, or do we, propose at all to defend or recommend the practice spoken of. Nothing of the kind occurs in the Grand Lodge of California, nor with our assent ever would occur there. But our brethren of Indiana have thought differently, and as it appeared to us to be one of those things which concerned themselves alone, we were not disposed to see them quarreled with in consequence, and were content to do what we have now done in nearly half a page—say nothing at all about it.

In our turn we acknowledge a little surprise that our esteemed brother of Florida should have come "to the conclusion that there is much good sense and sound wisdom" in the peculiar report made by the Delaware Committee in 1855. If he is in earnest, which we greatly doubt, from the care and labor he has bestowed upon his own report, it is very probable that he will be generally conceded the honor of a first discovery. The reviews of the proceedings of the various Grand Lodges are generally brief, but over twenty pages are given to a careful consideration of the Canadian question, resulting in the conclusion that the new Grand Lodge should be warmly welcomed, and a resolution to that effect, which was unanimously adopted.

The members of the Grand Lodge were summoned to attend a meeting at Alligator in May, 1857, for the purpose of adopting a uniform system of work. A portrait of the first Grand Master of Florida, the *M. W.* JOHN P. DUVAL, was ordered. The receipts for the year were \$1572. and the expenditures such as to leave \$160 in the Treasury. The names of thirty-one chartered Lodges and of three under dispensation are given. The Communication continued six days, during which the *M. W.* THOMAS Y. HENRY was elected Grand Master, and the *R. W.* JOHN B. TAYLOR was reelected Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA.

Our latest news from the Grand Lodge of Georgia, give the transactions at the Annual Communication which was begun at the City of Macon, on the twenty-eight day of October, 1856—the *R. W.* WILLIAM S. ROCKWELL, Deputy

Grand Master for the Fourth District, presiding, and the W. SIMRI ROSE, being Grand Secretary.

The proceedings are saddened by the record of the decease of the Grand Master, the M. W. WILLIAM C. DAWSON, who for thirteen years had presided over the Craft in that State. Distinguished in public life, having long held the highest positions which the people and the Legislature of his State could bestow—beloved and esteemed in private, for his amiability of disposition and kindness of heart,—and revered by his brethren for the Masonic virtues which so eminently qualified him to fill the high station he so long had occupied—his loss is deeply felt by the Fraternity of Georgia, and will be mourned by many beyond her borders. The following is a resolution reported by the committee to whom the melancholy announcement was referred :—

“Resolved by the Grand Lodge of Georgia, That in the death of our late Grand Master we have sustained a loss which human wisdom cannot measure. Our onward progress in prosperity has received a check, which a close imitation of his bright example can alone enable us to overleap ; and our Masonic fabric is weakened by a breach, of which the broken column among our mystic emblems will perpetually remind us. But the living sprig of evergreen which a brother's hand has deposited with his perishable dust in the last home of all the living, with its symbolic teachings triumphantly assures us that his undying spirit will live forever, as we cheerfully hope, in the realms of a blissful immortality.”

The sum of \$1200 was voted to erect a marble monument to the memory of Bro. DAWSON, and his portrait was ordered to be procured and placed in the East of the Grand Lodge. Reports were presented by all the four Deputy Grand Masters, relating principally to matters of domestic concern. Among their decisions we notice the following :—That an election of officers of a Lodge at a time different from that prescribed in the Constitution of a Grand Lodge is a nullity :—That in case of a vacancy in the Mastership of a Lodge, that office devolves upon the Senior Warden, and if he declines to preside, from any cause, it is the duty (and right) of the Junior Warden to do so, even though the Senior Warden be present :—That a member of a Lodge who feels himself aggrieved by a decision of the Master, must seek his remedy by application to the Grand Lodge ; and that it is the duty of a Master, upon proper request, to convene his Lodge and attend the remains of a brother to the grave, “no matter what his religious belief in life may have been ;” the only proper subject for inquiry being whether he was in good standing in Masonry at the time of his decease. All these accord with our own opinions.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is presented by Bro. SAMUEL LAWRENCE, the editor of the “Masonic Signet and Journal.” In his views regarding the rights of Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts to be considered as members of Lodges, we fully concur. The ancient custom in that respect is indisputable, and we are not yet acquainted with the reasons why a different regulation came into so general (at one time universal) use in the United States. But it has so come, and as there are some abstract *rights* which are not of sufficient importance to assert when great obstacles stand in the way of their achievement, we are content in the belief that this is one of them, and are willing to leave this usage where the common consent of American Masons once has placed it. This much at least can be said in its favor. It is an incentive to search for *all* the light in Masonry, and operates as an inducement to accept *all* the duties and responsibilities of the Order. We perceive that the fame of Bro. WALLACE, of Iowa, has reached the Georgia committee, and that they have not suffered his light to be entirely hidden under a bushel. The very flattering remark is made of the Grand Lodge of California, that, “although one of the youngest, it is one of the most enlightened jurisdictions in this country.” Bro. LAWRENCE fully agrees with us in regard to the propriety of permitting Lodges under dispensation to receive members by affiliation ; yet states his belief, in accordance with that held in Georgia, that this, as well as their other powers, must depend upon the terms of the dispensation—the very opinion which the Grand Lodge of California entertains, as is shown by its resolution quoted in his review, and which this committee has just re-asserted in that portion of its report relating to the District of Columbia. A stringent resolution relative to

visitors from New York was presented, as was another declining, at present, to recognize the new Grand Lodge of Canada; both which were adopted.

A very encouraging report in relation to the "Southern Masonic Female College" appears. The financial statements show that the revenue of the Grand Lodge for the year was \$9112,—that the expenditures, excluding the purchase of certain stocks, were \$8151—and that there remained in the Treasury \$1389 in cash, besides investments in loans and stocks to the amount of \$13,250. Two hundred and four chartered Lodges and one under dispensation are now borne upon the registry of Georgia, (being seven more than we last reported,) having an aggregate membership of 12,310. The Grand Lodge was in session four days, during which the *M. W.* WILLIAM S. ROCKWELL was elected Grand Master, and the *W.* SIMRI ROSE was reëlected Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

The Grand Lodge of this State commenced its seventeenth Annual Communication at the City of Springfield, on the sixth day of October, 1857,—the *M. W.* JAMES H. HIBBARD, Grand Master, presiding, and the *R. W.* HARMON G. REYNOLDS being Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master, in his Address, announces the death of the *R. W.* WM. A. DICKEY, a Past Junior Grand Warden of that body, and pays a kindly tribute to his memory. He gives a list of twenty-six Lodges for the formation of which he had issued Dispensations during the year; deprecates so much legislation upon matters of small consequence, and so little upon affairs of really great importance; and reproves that carelessness of the members and officers of Lodges, which overwhelms the Grand Master with letters of inquiry upon subjects, which a reading of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge would have fully informed them concerning. We commend some of our brethren in this jurisdiction to a notice of that complaint. One passage in the Address strikes us as announcing something unusual among the official acts of a Grand Master. He informs the Grand Lodge that in accordance with the unanimous recommendation of a Lodge by whom a Mason had been expelled, *he* had restored him to all the rights and privileges of Masonry. It is possible that the regulations of the Grand Lodge of Illinois may confer this power upon the Grand Master; but if not, we respectfully ask whether such an exercise of authority is in accordance with the usual customs of the Order? The Address concludes with some remarks discountenancing the many mushroom Masonic periodicals with which the country is flooded, and bestowing a flattering, and, as it appears to us, well deserved encomium upon the Grand Secretary.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is presented by the officer just mentioned, Bro. HARMON G. REYNOLDS. It does not follow the usual course of reviewing the transactions of each Grand Lodge, but treats of various subjects under their distinctive heads, giving large quotations from other proceedings in regard to them, and closes with a brief notice of each Body from which communications have been received. A somewhat comical reason is given for the non-appearance of a report of this kind at the preceding Communication. The chairman of the Maine Committee had enquired whether its absence was "accidental, providential, or intentional?" whereupon Bro. REYNOLDS answers that

"The chairman of the committee last year, a very bright Mason, is a physician, who intended to prepare a report, but pressing engagements prevented. Dr. RICE was in the same fix. Bro. PICKETT took the burden upon his hands, but he was engaged in politics, and was himself a candidate for a lucrative office, and could not get it ready in time. Your committee are therefore of the opinion that the causes of its non-appearance are *surgical, medicinal and political!*"

Resolutions accompanied the report, instructing the Grand Secretary to open a correspondence with the Commission established at Paris by the late Masonic Congress; commending the position assumed by the Grand Lodge of New York in relation to the proposed union with the so-called Phillips Grand Lodge; recognizing the Grand Lodge of Canada; 'denouncing the "side-degrees" and prohibiting the conferring them in Masonic Lodge-rooms; and forbidding intercourse with Masons from New York who have not the proper certificates of their

regular standing in *the* Grand Lodge of that State; all of which were adopted.

The Master of a Lodge presented the following statement to the Grand Lodge, and asked instructions thereupon:—

“Two members of the German Lutheran Church have for some years been members of my Lodge. Last winter they were compelled to make a promise to abstain from paying dues, and from attending the meetings of the Lodge, on pain of being excommunicated from the Church. At a subsequent meeting of the Lodge, I got a brother to prefer charges against them, specifying the cause, which the Lodge did not sustain, and they remain members entitled to all the privileges of Masonry.”

This is one of the few cases in many years where a Protestant Church has thus interfered. The communication was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, who reported that in their opinion

“Masonry does not assume the authority to hold its members or votaries in affiliation, when such affiliation interferes with their duties to their God, or with the peace of their families; and that such interference is good cause for a Mason to withdraw from a Lodge by demit.”

With the intent of this report we cordially agree, but we think its language might have been improved by saying “when such affiliation *is believed* to interfere with their duties to their God,” &c., as it might now be inferred that such a state of interference may really exist—a thing of which *we* can form no conception. We think, too, that while the report suggested the proper course for the two brethren to pursue, it should have administered them some reproof for not pursuing it. There is no doubt, in our mind, of the right of any Mason, for any cause which to him seems good, to withdraw from membership—always recollecting that when he thus voluntarily ceases his connection with a Lodge, all obligations of the Lodges to him have also ceased;—but it appears to us that a little wholesome advice might have been given to the two German Lutheran brethren and their ghostly counsellors, whose conscientious scruples would not permit them to pay dues to a Lodge, but were not at all shocked at their continuing to retain the privileges of membership.

An incident occurred during the Communication, which, as it concerns a matter of Masonic usage, we deem sufficiently important to take brief notice of. The Grand Master had proclaimed in the morning that the new Constitution of the Grand Lodge was then in force, it having received the proper vote of the subordinate Lodges. In the afternoon, Bro. SHIRLEY, believing apparently that something more was required before it became the supreme law, offered a resolution that the Constitution be submitted to the Grand Lodge for adoption. This resolution the Grand Master ruled as out of order, inasmuch as no dissent had been offered to the proclamation of the morning, and because, as we are led to infer, he did not believe that the old Constitution made such legislation necessary. Bro. SHIRLEY appealed from the ruling, and it is recorded that the Deputy Grand Master was called to the chair, and the Grand Master “gave his reasons at length for his decision”; whereupon, after considerable debate, the ruling of the Grand Master was sustained. Upon this, Bro. SHIRLEY gave notice that he would offer a protest against the decision, and on the following morning he did offer such a paper, which was ruled out by the Grand Master. Now we have seen nothing in the present Constitution or regulations of Illinois which authorizes an appeal from a decision of the Grand Master in the chair, and in the absence of some such express provision, it appears to us that the general usage of the Order would forbid the entertaining such a proposition, and that the appeal ought not to have been allowed. Yet, while in the absence of express statutes, under that common law of Masonry which long continued custom has prescribed, we would thus decide, we avail ourselves of the occasion to express the opinion that it ought not thus to be. At the risk of encountering from some of our young, but apparently very *ancient* brethren, a further shower of “Ancient Landmarks” and “Young America,” we declare that upon this point, no more than upon some others, have we any faith in those “inherent rights” of Grand Masters which elevate them so high above the body creating them, as to render them entirely independent and utterly irresponsible for their acts. We consider a Grand Lodge in these days as simply the Legislature of the Craft, and as it is

the supreme authority, beyond which there is no tribunal where an appeal can be maintained, it seems a very absurdity that one man, the temporary officer of its own elevation, should be permitted, unquestioned, to declare upon what subjects it shall or shall not deliberate, and with despotic power to pronounce and maintain his single opinion in opposition, as it may be, to the united voice of the body which created him. We believe it should be the proper province of the Grand Master, when the Masonic Senate is in session, to preside over and preserve order during its deliberations, but that *its* will, and not *his*, should be the law. Thus we think there would be sound reason in such a provision of the organic laws, as would do away with that present generally acknowledged doctrine of the supremacy of Grand Masters, which had its origin probably during the same period that gave birth to the equally sensible proposition that "the King can do no wrong." We shall not be alone in this heresy, for some of the most eminent Masons in the Union have lately and successfully advanced it in those elevated and intelligent bodies, the General Grand Chapter and the Grand Encampment of the United States. As to the "protest," the Grand Master of Illinois was right in the refusal to receive it. It is one of our promises to abide by the decision of a majority of our brethren, and such a paper was in spirit a violation of that promise, as it sought to record an unwillingness to submit to the arbitrament, not of the Grand Master only, but of a large majority of the members of the Grand Lodge.

The financial reports exhibit a revenue for the year of \$6,409., and an expenditure of \$5,283 ; and there remained \$6,956, in the Treasury. Two hundred and thirty-nine chartered Lodges and four under dispensation now exist upon the registry of Illinois. The Communication continued three days, during which the *M. W. HARRISON DILLS* was elected Grand Master, and the *R. W. HARMON G. REYNOLDS* was reelected Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

The Grand Lodge of Indiana commenced its Annual Communication for the year 1857, at the City of Indianapolis, on the twenty-fifth day of May—the *M. W. A. C. DOWNEY*, Grand Master, presiding, and the *R. W. FRANCIS KING* being Grand Secretary.

The Address of the Grand Master is brief. He declares that, with a few slight exceptions, "nothing has occurred to disturb the general quiet;" announces the issue of fourteen Dispensations for new lodges, during the year; suggests the enactment of a regulation by which Masters and Grand Masters may be tried by the Lodges of which they are members, for any "unmasonic conduct not growing out of their official acts;" and signifies his desire to be relieved from the duties of the high position which he had occupied during four years.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is presented by Bro. *SOLOMON D. BAYLESS*, and is principally a compilation from the statistical tables of other Grand Lodges, exhibiting the amount of revenue and number of initiations, affiliations, demissions, suspensions, expulsions, &c. It seems to us, from our own recollection about some of these things, that they have been too carelessly collated by Bro. *BAYLESS* to be of much value. For instance—The receipts of Kentucky for 1856, are set down at \$10,541. Our examination makes them about \$12,000. The revenue of Texas for the same year is noted at \$4380, while we find it to have been about \$5560. That of California is reported at \$5778. It was \$6194. The dues received by New Jersey in 1856 are stated to have been \$1616, but a more careful examination will show that they were \$532. The revenues of Arkansas and Mississippi for the same year, figure for about half the proper amount, the first being called \$1701, when it was near \$3365, and the second \$3488, when it was about \$7150; and worst of all, in the notice of the Georgia proceedings for 1855, it is said that "the receipts of the Grand Lodge for the three past years were \$3476," when, in fact, for that *one* year alone, they were nearly \$9600! Taking these examples as a guide for our opinion, we are inclined to believe that Bro. *BAYLESS* has had rather bad luck with his statistical effort. In that part of his report which speaks of the transactions of California in 1856, it is stated that there were "demitted, 397," and "withdrawn, 493;" and that "ninety-eight Lodges were represented, who represented

898 jurisdictions"! Will our esteemed brother explain to us the difference between demitting and withdrawing; and above all will he satisfy our great curiosity to know where all those "898 jurisdictions" are, and how they came to be represented by "ninety-eight Lodges" in California? In noticing the refusal by the Grand Lodge of New York to recognize the new Grand Lodge of Canada, the Indiana committee "desire to say that no obstinacy on the part of even all the Lodges within our National jurisdiction, which may be manifested on such merely technical grounds, will for any considerable period be effectual. Public sentiment has much to do with it, and the spirit and genius of our beloved government is awakened in our hearts and sways in our mind when we consider it." We have seen some more convincing arguments than this upon that side of the Canada controversy, as we are not much in the habit of calling in "public sentiment" or "the spirit and genius of our beloved government" to "sway in our mind" when determining a question of Masonic right or wrong. Bro. BAYLESS advocates the payment of committees on Foreign Correspondence for their labors, and to this we certainly have not the least objection.

From a report by Bro. WM. SHEETS, Commissioner of the Grand Lodge Hall, we learn that the amount of stock in that building now owned by the Grand Lodge is \$24,000, and that but about \$8,000, principally belonging to Chapters and subordinate Lodges, remained to be redeemed. As upwards of \$5,000 was applied to that purpose during the year preceding, but a short time will be required to complete the redemption. An application was made for the restoration of a Mason who had been expelled by a Lodge in Ohio two years after he had demitted from that Lodge and removed to Indiana. It was denied, the committee to whom it was referred being of the opinion, notwithstanding their conviction that the charge on which he was expelled was not well founded, and that the Lodge thus acting had no jurisdiction, that the brother thus aggrieved should seek redress from the Grand Lodge of Ohio. The decision we believe to be a correct one. In answer to the communication of a committee from the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of the State, proposing to the Grand Lodge to join them in the publication of a "Book of the Law and Ceremonies," it was decided that there were already books enough. Amen! A committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's Address suggesting a new regulation for the trial of Masters and Grand Masters, express the opinion that such officers should be as much "amenable to the Lodges of which they are members, for any violation of the great moral code," as any other Mason; and that they should, each in his proper Lodge, be subject to "discipline for a violation of any duty other than that growing out of their official duties;" and they conclude their report by proposing the following "New Regulations":—

"1st. It shall be competent for the subordinate Lodge of which the Grand Master is a member, to try, and expel or suspend him for any unmasonic conduct not growing out of his official duties; and when expelled or suspended, his office of Grand Master shall be vacated, and the officer next in rank should fill the office.

"2d. Subordinate Lodges shall have power to try, and expel or suspend their Master for any unmasonic conduct not growing out of the discharge of his official duties. When the Master of a Lodge is under trial, the officer next in rank, or some Past Master to be designated by him, shall preside. When the Master of a Lodge is expelled or suspended, the officer next in rank shall succeed to the station.

"3d. The Grand Master and Masters of subordinate Lodges are answerable only to the Grand Lodge for acts growing out of their official duties."

These were agreed to by the Grand Lodge, and under its By-Laws, were ordered to be laid over for action at its next Communication, by which time it is to be hoped that a little cool reflection will have come to its aid. The Grand Secretary's report shows that the revenue for the year was \$9,617; the expenditure \$9,723, of which \$5,300 was for the redemption of Grand Lodge Hall stock; and that there remained in the Treasury \$318. Two hundred and fifteen chartered Lodges, and five under dispensation, now appear on the registry of Indiana, being an increase of fifteen since our last report. The Communication continued five days, the *M. W. SOLOMON D. BAYLESS* having been elected Grand Master, and the *R. W. FRANCIS KING* reelected Grand Secretary.

I O W A .

The fourteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of this State was commenced at Iowa City, on the second day of June, 1857,—the *M. W.* JOHN F. SANFORD, Grand Master, presiding, and the *R. W.* THEODORE S. PARVIN being Grand Secretary.

The Address of the Grand Master presents the customary congratulation upon the condition of the Order; gives an eloquent panegyric upon the system of Freemasonry; and asserts the great care which has been taken to purify and re-invigorate the Institution within that jurisdiction. It recites the unsuccessful efforts which have been made to establish a uniformity of work in that State by a system of districts and Grand Lodges of Instruction; records its utter failure; and recommends, as the only practicable manner of ensuring an approximation to that much desired result, the exhibition of the work and lectures before the Grand Lodge at each Annual Communication. The action of the Grand Lodge the year before in recognizing the Grand Lodge of Canada is maintained; the prosperity of the Order in Iowa is demonstrated (?) by the fact that seventeen Dispensations to form new Lodges have been issued within the year; and a new Masonic periodical, established in that State and called the "Western Freemason," is recommended to the attention of the brethren. The Address closes with a complimentary and well merited notice of the efficient Grand Secretary; an annunciation of the decease of Bro. THOMAS WILLIAMS, a Past Grand Senior Warden of Iowa; and a glowing tribute to the memory of Bro. E. K. KANE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is written by the Grand Secretary, Bro. T. S. PARVIN. In its commencement he announces his determination only "to present an epitome of their doings and results, (those of other jurisdictions) without any effort to comment or criticise, further than to express our (his) approbation or dissent from the positions assumed by the writers, or actions of the bodies whose exponents they are." With all deference to Bro. PARVIN's fixed opinions, we modestly suggest that, as one of the principal objects of these reports is to discuss all mooted and disputed questions in Masonry, to the end that errors may be corrected and an approximation to uniformity in theory and practice be effected, the mere dissent to or denial of a proposition emanating from another is not likely to prove very convincing; whereas the exhibition of some argument in favor of the dissent, or proof in support of the denial, might perchance, were either sufficiently cogent, compel his adversary to his opinion. Bro. PARVIN is mistaken in saying that the Grand Lodge of California has added to its Constitution that "No brother shall be eligible to the office of Master of a chartered Lodge unless he shall have served as Warden in some Lodge." On the contrary, it refused to do so at the very Communication, the proceedings of which he is now reviewing. The reasons for the refusal have been heretofore given in our published transactions, and may be again spoken of in this report, but not until some more potent spirit than "the spirit of Young America," or more venerable shade than that of "Old Fogysm," shall be evoked to convince us that it is necessary. Our excellent brother of Iowa seems to have read our proceedings quite too hurriedly to ensure great accuracy, for he again errs in putting into our mouth the question "Who are the peers of Past Grand Masters?" We asked nothing of the kind. A reference to our report of 1856 will exhibit the following paragraph:—

"We remark the announcement by the acting Grand Master, upon appointing a committee of Past Grand Masters to investigate certain matters in reference to another brother of that rank, that such a committee was appointed through courtesy only, '*as all Master Masons were the peers and equals of Grand Masters.*' Is our *R. W.* brother of Iowa quite sure of that? Are all Master Masons the peers even of the Master of a subordinate Lodge?"

To this was appended some further remarks illustrative of our doubt as to the correctness of the opinion above italicised, and if Bro. PARVIN will reply to them, and prove to us, by something more convincing than simple assertion or mere "dissent," that all Master Masons are, masonically speaking, the peers of Grand Masters, we will incontinently withdraw our imprudent question. He may safely be "quite sure that all Master Masons are the peers of all Past Masters

and Past Grand Masters," but he was certainly either very careless or very wrong thus to interpolate words, and to italicise them too, which we never used or thought of using, and which are calculated to give a meaning to our language entirely different from that which was plainly written. For the compliment to our labors which our brother of Iowa is kind enough to bestow, we feel fraternally grateful, and we assure him that it is considered all the more flattering, as coming from one whose zeal and devotion to our Order, every page of the proceedings of his own Grand Lodge most plainly shows. Bro. PARVIN's reprobation of a provision in the "standard" by-laws of another State which leaves so-called "cases of emergency" to the discretion of the Lodges, we heartily coincide with; and we are pleased to be enabled to say that not only does no such practice exist among the Lodges here, but that the issuance of dispensations by the Grand Master for "emergent cases" is now unheard of.

A new Constitution and code of By-Laws for the Grand Lodge had been adopted. A reprint of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge for the first ten years of its existence was ordered; and, as we first set "*that ball in motion*" and have furnished all our contemporaries with the bound volume of our earlier transactions, we shall hope to be favored with this addition to our library. The Grand Secretary of Iowa, in giving credit to California for the earliest proceedings received, (they having arrived within sixty-three days after the close of our Grand Lodge,) might have mentioned the additional fact that, with one exception, it was the most distant body with which he has communication. The fact is that the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of California, making a volume of two hundred and twenty-five pages, principally of solid brevity, were published within thirty days after the termination of the session. The Grand Treasurer's Report shows a receipt for the preceding year of \$2821, and an expenditure of \$1749, leaving an amount on hand of \$3118, of which sum \$542 was in cash. One hundred and two chartered Lodges and six under dispensation now appear upon the registry of Iowa, being eighteen more than were noted in our last report. This Grand Lodge was four days in session, and the Grand Master and Grand Secretary were both reelected.

KANSAS.

The Grand Lodge of this Territory has apparently held two Annual Communications since the meeting when its organization was effected, in March, 1856, as noticed in our last report. We have received the proceedings of the last of these only,—that held at the City of Leavenworth, commencing on the nineteenth day of October, 1857, when the M. W. RICHARD R. REES, Grand Master, presided, and the R. W. CHARLES MUNDEE was Grand Secretary.

The Address of the Grand Master is of considerable length, and its first paragraph is about the longest we ever saw. He congratulates the Grand Lodge upon the more peaceful aspect of the outer world now exhibited in Kansas; commends the subject of education to its care; expresses an opinion favorable to the system of representation between Grand Lodges, which he somewhat singularly styles "Grand Lodge visitation;" announces the issue of seven dispensations to form new Lodges; and advocates the establishment of a "universal sovereign power in Masonry, either meeting in some locality central to the civilized world, or, like the General G. R. A. Chapter of the Union, itinerant." On this subject he is very eloquent, and he concludes a picture of all the world most fraternally shaking hands, by the proposal "that on the twenty-fourth day of June, 1870, delegates from every Grand Lodge in the world, and from every body of Masons, however hidden in the distant wilds," assemble at the City of York, in England. A very comprehensive proposition, certainly, but unluckily having one little obstacle in the way of its accomplishment—its utter impracticability.

A Report on Foreign Correspondence, consisting of two paragraphs, is presented by Bro. LEANDER KER. In the first of these the following comical and original reason is given for the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Canada:—

"Your committee would protest against the formation of any alliance with a Lodge or Lodges under foreign power, whose political opinions differ materially from our own;

but in this case, where there is neither *political* or *religious* reasons existing, forbidding such an alliance, your committee are willing to accede to the overtures of the Grand Lodge of Canada to the Grand Lodges of the United States, and would recommend the adoption," &c.

How much time Bros. TUCKER, FRENCH, BROWN, and others have wasted upon *Masonic* arguments in favor of acknowledging the new Grand Lodge, when, after all, the question was one of "political or religious reasons," of which there were none! In the second paragraph of the report, it is proposed to buy Mount Vernon, "the home and grave of Washington, who was a worthy Mason." Two hundred thousand dollars are asked for it, it is said, and if the 300,000 Masons in the Union would give a dollar each, it might be purchased, converted into a "Grand National Masonic College," and "leave a large surplus fund to be disposed of as the Grand Lodge of the United States (?) might in its decision see fit." Verily, our youthful sister of Kansas is "spreading" herself: and having within the second year of her own existence, given birth to such vast conceptions as a Grand National Masonic College, a Grand Lodge of the United States, and a Universal Grand Assembly of all (Masonic) creation, what may we not expect of her in the future?

The financial report exhibits a revenue for the year of \$307, and an expenditure of \$162, leaving \$145 in the treasury. There appear now to be nine chartered Lodges and four under dispensation in the Territory. The Communication continued during two days, and the Grand Master and Grand Secretary were both reelected.

KENTUCKY.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of this State was begun at the City of Lexington, on the twelfth day of October, 1857—the *M. W.* THEODORE N. WISE, Grand Master, presiding, and Bro. JOHN M. S. McCORKLE being Grand Secretary.

The Address of the Grand Master is a well-written paper, which we are sorry to see somewhat marred in its commencement by an apparent expression of sympathy with the wretches who have perpetrated the late horrible outrages and massacres in India—here dignified as "millions of enslaved people aspiring to throw off her yoke, (that of Great Britain), and reassert the ancient grandeur of their mysterious, wonderful, and romantic clime." He congratulates the Craft upon the harmony prevailing among the nearly three hundred Lodges of Kentucky, and "states that their aggregate membership exceeds ten thousand. He laments the death of two Past Grand Masters of that jurisdiction, Bros. WILLIS STEWART and JOHN D. McCURE; announces the issue of ten Dispensations to form new Lodges; and alludes to the laying of the corner-stone of the Clay Monument, in the City of Lexington, on the fourth day of July last.

A decision of the Grand Master, during the recess, is presented by him as follows:—A Lodge had tried and expelled a member, and upon appeal, the Grand Lodge, at the preceding Communication, had reversed the decision of the subordinate, and sent the case back to it for a new trial. Upon the second trial, the accused party was acquitted, but the Master of the Lodge refused to recognize him then as a member of that body; and the question being laid before the Grand Master, he decided that the acquitted party *was* restored to membership in the Lodge. We observe that the committee to whom this part of the Grand Master's Address was referred, differ with him in opinion, because one of the Constitutional Rules of the Grand Lodge declares that the restoration of an expelled or suspended Mason, by that body, to the benefits and privileges of Masonry, shall not restore him to "membership within the Lodge from which he was suspended or expelled, without its unanimous consent." The Grand Lodge sustained the decision of the Grand Master, and, as it seems to us, correctly. The case was not one coming within the rule upon which the committee based its report, as the party does not appear to have been "restored" by the Grand Lodge, but simply to have been tried and acquitted by his own.—the proceedings in the first trial having been set aside, and the case then being just where it was when the charges were preferred.

Two cases of attempted assumption of authority by Past Masters, are related by Bro. WISE, one of which exhibited some peculiar aspects. At a called meeting of *Robert Burns* Lodge, No. 163, the Master and Senior Warden being absent, the Junior Warden took the chair, (as it was not only his right, but his duty to do,) and proceeded to confer a degree. Sundry Past Masters present protested against this action, asserting that he should have called some one of them to perform the duty; and appealed to the Grand Master for the correctness of their claim. He of course pronounced it baseless, very properly declaring not only that the Junior Warden had violated no law, but that he deserved commendation for his ability to perform the duty which rightfully devolved upon him in the absence of the senior officers. At the next meeting of the Lodge, the Master, JOHN KLINE, was present and denied the correctness of the Grand Master's decision, pronounced the action of the Junior Warden unmasonic, and censured him in open Lodge in such terms as to cause great confusion; whereupon the Master took the Charter, without ceremony declared the Lodge closed till the next meeting of the Grand Lodge, and left the hall. Charges were preferred against him, the Grand Master ordered the trial to take place in his Lodge, according to the usage of Kentucky, and the Lodge acquitted him! We are pleased to see that the Grand Lodge reversed the decision and expelled Master KLINE; and we think that the Lodge escaped on very easy terms with the order that it "be reprimanded by the Grand Master, in writing, and that it be required to enter said reprimand upon its records."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by the Grand Secretary, Bro. J. M. S. McCORKLE, and is a very excellent review of the proceedings of every Grand Lodge in the United States, save one; he having had the unusual good fortune during the past year to receive all except those of Kansas. Bro. McCORKLE thanks us "for the able defence of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky," &c., in our report of last year, relative to the election by the Lodges of representatives in the Grand Lodge, when the proper officers could not attend. We thank him for the courteous manner in which he is pleased to speak of us in this and other respects, but can scarcely claim any credit for defending that Grand Lodge. We were only supporting a general principle, according to our knowledge and poor abilities, and were well pleased to see that our opinions were consonant with those of a body containing so many intelligent Masons as does the Masonic Senate of Kentucky. Bro. McCORKLE joins to ours his reprobation of the new "christian test," and we sincerely trust that this great Masonic error, arising from that which we consider a mistaken religious zeal, will not spread beyond the two or three Grand Lodges which have now embraced it, and which we hope ere long to see recant it. It gives us pleasure to see that our brother of Kentucky approves a resolution relative to the so-called "right to visit," which he quotes from the proceedings of Maine last year, inasmuch as a reference to the published transactions of the Grand Lodge of California in 1855 will show that it had its origin with this committee, and was reported after a notice of the new Constitution of New York, wherein the opposite doctrine is set forth. The recognition of the Grand Lodge of Canada, given by Kentucky at the previous Communication, is defended at some length, in answer to the report of the Massachusetts committee in 1856 refusing to acknowledge it as a legal body; and the practice, which has hitherto prevailed in Kentucky, of publishing the names and descriptions of rejected applicants, is strongly disapproved. Our regret that such a usage should exist was expressed in our report of 1856, and we are sincerely glad to see that a resolution presented by Bro. McCORKLE, rescinding the unnecessary and unjust regulation, has at last been adopted by that Grand Lodge.

Kentucky appears to have "seen the elephant" as far as a "Masonic College" is concerned, and the Committee on Foreign Correspondence takes occasion to give some words of caution and advice to others upon that subject, derived from her own experience. The last information relative to her Institution of that name, is contained in a report of its Board of Trustees that "at a nominal rate, for five years," they had leased "the College Buildings, both male and female"! A resolution was adopted to refund to the Louisiana Relief Lodge, the amount disbursed by it for the assistance of Masons from that jurisdiction. Propositions

were made to amend the Constitutional Rules by allowing Lodges to elect officers twice in each year, and to ballot for initiation either in the first or third degree. It was also proposed to divide the State, and form two Grand Lodges. These lie over until the next Communication, and we shall be anxious to know how they will be disposed of. The report of the Grand Treasurer exhibits an income for the year of \$12,767, and an expenditure of \$10,474; and there remained in the Treasury, in cash, stocks, bonds, &c., the sum of \$22,029. Two hundred and seventy-five chartered Lodges, and fifteen under dispensation, are now in existence within this State, being nine more than our last report announced. The Communication continued five days, during which the *M. W.* PHILIP SWIGERT was elected Grand Master, and Bro. J. M. S. McCORKLE was reelected Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

The forty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana was commenced in the City of New Orleans, on the ninth day of February, 1857,—the *M. W.* WM. M. PERKINS, Grand Master, presiding, and the *W.* SAMUEL G. RISK, being Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master, in his Address, suggests that his successor be authorized to appoint deputies to visit, superintend, and lecture the various Lodges; announces the issue of eight Dispensations to form new Lodges during the year, one of which was in Nicaragua, but was never organized; and records the success which has thus far attended the efforts of the Grand Lodge to meet its payments of the purchase money for its new Hall. He reports the suspension of the work of *Foyer Maçonnique* Lodge, No. 44, by his order, that body having been guilty of many rebellious acts, which fully justified the measure taken; and states that, after the order of suspension was issued, a large number of members of the Lodge, having by a refusal to give up the Charter, and other unlawful means, endeavored to evade its effect, at last adopted a resolution to *withdraw* from the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, and were holding meetings under the pretended authority of some persons who were attempting to revive the lately defunct so-called "Supreme Council of the 33d," of Louisiana. At a later period we observe that the Grand Master was authorized to issue a new Charter of the same name and number to the few brethren of that Lodge who had remained faithful, and to take such further steps in regard to it as he might deem proper.

The Grand Secretary, as usual, presents a full and detailed report of the business of his office, from which there appears a laxity and neglect on the part of the Lodges to make their returns and pay their dues, such as we are happy to be enabled to say has never been known in this jurisdiction.

The annual report of the Louisiana Relief Lodge, shows an expenditure during the year of \$1,550, for the relief of sojourning brethren, their widows and orphans, of which sum \$75 was paid to those hailing from the State of California. We suggest that this Grand Lodge refund that amount, as it is evidently wrong to permit a small association of Lodges to remain our creditors for expense incurred in relieving the distresses of our brethren and their families, when we have abundant means to acquit ourselves of the debt. Bro. FELLOWS, the Master of the Lodge, and writer of the report, expresses his regret that several of the Grand Lodges present no lists of membership in their published proceedings; and our own experience of two years, as Chairman of the Board of Relief in San Francisco, enables us to testify how useful it would be, were the practice now so general, a universal one among the American Grand Lodges. Thirteen Lodges are now represented in that body, and there are yet eight others in New Orleans which have thus far declined to aid their brethren in this most commendable association.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is presented by the *R. W.* M. H. DOSSON, the Deputy Grand Master. It is brief, as compared with many of the reports for the current year, giving little space to the discussion of any of the topics which for the past two or three years have occupied the attention of most of the committees, and which, perhaps, are wisely thought to have been worn too threadbare to permit of further argument. The most space is given to some remarks on a passage in Grand Master HOWARD's Address to the Grand Lodge of this State in 1856, wherein he expressed his dissent to a proposed

amendment of the Constitution, making it requisite that the Master of a Lodge should have previously served as a Warden. This, Bro. Dosson thinks "the strongest argument he had seen on that side" of the proposition, but it was not sufficiently powerful to convince him, nor did it last its writer quite up to the next succeeding Communication of this Grand Lodge. Our own ideas upon this subject, however, have been expressed in some one of our previous reports, and we have little to add now beyond the fact that they were, and are consonant with the action of the Grand Lodge of this State. Without pausing to enquire into the fact whether the "old Charges" of 1722, are entitled, as our brother of Louisiana declares, to more reverence than the "old Regulations" of 1721, we admit that we look upon them both as *the law*, so far as they are not manifestly and palpably inconsistent with the well-being and necessities of the Order at the present day; and it should be no light reason which would induce us to suggest a departure from any plain and unmistakable direction contained in either. In this case, however, were the "Charge" as absolute and distinct as Bro. Dosson thinks it, (even with an erroneous definition which he has given to one passage), we have no doubt that a departure from it is perfectly justifiable, and for this reason: That as the "Old Charges" were given and received as the laws best adapted for the government and prosperity of the Fraternity at the time when they were promulgated, and were intended to operate as useful adjuncts to its success and perpetuity, so now, when a century or more has produced great changes in the state of society which made some of those regulations useful and necessary, we may well and rightfully enquire whether an alteration of them in some instances is not calculated to carry out the good results which were the sole intent of the original law. When those "Charges" were written there is little doubt that one who "had acted as a Warden" was likely to be the most competent person to serve as Master, and the good of the Order was evidently consulted in the regulation. Is it necessarily so now? On the contrary, does not all our experience show that there are frequently those in a Lodge much better qualified for the Chair than the brethren whom accident or a mistaken partiality has placed for a season in the South and West? And thus, if the usefulness of the Institution is really advanced, at the present time, by the selection of the most capable and best informed brethren to preside over and conduct its Lodges, without reference to the stations they may previously have occupied, is not the spirit and intent of the ancient charge effectually maintained, although it be apparently violated in the letter? It seems to us that it is; and in any event, we do not at all doubt that it is far better for the honor, the utility, the respectability, the perpetuity of Masonry, that an educated, zealous, and intelligent brother of a single month's standing in the Order, should be elevated to the Mastership, rather than an ignorant, careless, or stupid individual, who may have been a Mason for twenty years, and whose only qualification is that by some untoward misfortune to the Craft he has been once a Warden. All this, too, is upon the supposed proposition that the "Old Charges" *absolutely* required that a Master should first have served as Warden. But there is room for doubt whether or not that might have been intended to be merely suggestive that one who had thus served would probably be the fittest for the higher office. The fourth of the "Old Charges,"—the one which contains this so-called regulation—commences as follows: "*All preferment among Masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only; * * * * * Therefore no Master or Warden is chosen by seniority, but for his merit.*" Now this would seem to say that a Warden is not necessarily to be selected from among the eldest of the brethren, but from among the best of them; and that a Master also is not imperatively to be taken from among those who have occupied the office next in rank, but from those best qualified to discharge the duties of the position. This, to be sure, is at variance with the apparent positiveness of the words which soon after follow—"No brother can be a Warden until he has passed the part of a Fellow-Craft, or a Master until he has acted as a Warden"; but if the two passages cannot be reconciled to mean that a Warden should be elected Master in preference to any other brother, *equally capable*—not for his "seniority, but for his merit"—then we prefer to consult the real good of the Order by acting only under the sensible proposition laid down in the commencement of the charge. A word or two

more in regard to that which we have called an erroneous definition by our brother of Louisiana. He quotes that portion of the fourth "Charge" upon which his argument is based, as follows:—"No brother can be a Warden until he has passed the part of a Fellow-Craft, [*that is, has become a Master Mason*], nor Master until he has acted as Warden"; and then adds "If our opinion be correct, it is an innovation of the ancient landmarks to install a Master who has not previously served as Warden, *as much as it would be to elect a Fellow-Craft a Warden.*" Very probably, just as much and no more. It would appear from the plain language of those ancient records, that Fellow-Crafts were the very Masons from among whom Wardens *were* chosen, and it strikes us that Bro. Dosson has interpolated a very original definition to the words "has passed the part of a Fellow-Craft," when he announces them to mean "has become a Master Mason." If any proof were needed that those words mean simply that a Warden should have passed to the degree of Fellow-Craft, it is found in the second line below them in the same "Old Charge," where it is written that a brother cannot be Grand Master "unless *he has been a Fellow-Craft* before his election," &c. Thus, if no higher degree was necessary to enable him to reach that exalted office, it is scarcely probable that it was required to qualify him for the comparatively humble position of Warden of a Lodge. But this is not left even to any supposition of probability. In the succeeding "Charge," the fifth, it is written that "when a *Fellow-Craftsman* is chosen Warden of the work under the Master, he shall be true both to Master and Fellows, &c.," thus showing that Fellow-Crafts alone, (and not Master Masons, as Bro. Dosson has most inventively suggested), were at that time selected for that office. To close the argument, it is only necessary to say that in the days when the "Old Charges" were set forth, we do not hear of the degree of "Master Mason." Entered Apprentices were made in the several private Lodges, and they were *Masons*. The degree of Fellow-Craft was conferred in the Grand Lodge, (when it was established), and from among those the Wardens and *Masters* were selected; and the last,—meaning the Masters of Lodges,—were chosen from among those who had served in the office next in rank, for the good reason that in those days they were beyond doubt the most likely to be the best qualified to perform the duties of the office.

Bro. Dosson is an advocate of the recognition of the new Grand Lodge of Canada, but the Grand Lodge of Louisiana resolved to "withhold any expression of opinion for the present" in regard to that question. A "Committee on Work" was ordered, to consist of five, with the Grand Master for its chairman, the members of which are to serve in that capacity as long as they remain members of the Grand Lodge, and preserve their good standing as Masons. The "Universal Masonic Library," edited by Bro. ROBERT MORRIS, was most deservedly recommended to the favorable consideration of the Fraternity in Louisiana. A proposed new Constitution was submitted, which, under the regulations, lies over until the next Annual Communication; and a uniform code of by-laws for the Lodges was adopted by the Grand Lodge, which was recommended to its subordinates. A very interesting address by Bro. C. SAMORY, relative to the late Supreme Council of the 33d in New Orleans, is appended to the published proceedings. This gives a history of the origin in the United States of the "Ancient and Accepted" or "Scottish" Rite, and explains the reasons why, when convinced of its error, that organization in New Orleans yielded its pretensions to the lawfully established Supreme Body of that rite whose seat is in the Valley of Charleston, South Carolina. The financial reports show that the receipts from all sources during the year were \$19,238, and that the disbursements were \$20,749. Of these last \$16,213, were for payments on account of the Grand Lodge Hall, and there still remains \$4,106 in the Treasury. Ninety-nine chartered Lodges and six under dispensation now appear as existing upon the registry of Louisiana, being four more than our last report exhibited. The Communication continued during eight days—sessions being held only in the evenings—and the Grand Master and Grand Secretary were both reelected.

MAINE.

The Grand Lodge of Maine commenced its Annual Communication for the year 1857, at the City of Portland, on the fifth day of May—the M. W. JABEZ

TRUE, Grand Master, presiding, and the *R. W.* IRA BERRY being Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master, in his Address, recommends the compilation of a work on Masonic Jurisprudence, for the guidance of that jurisdiction, and we perceive that a committee was appointed either to prepare or select one. He gives an account of some difficulties with a border Lodge in New Brunswick, in regard to which his successor was afterwards requested to correspond with the Grand Master of England; and, after some space devoted to matters only of local consequence, announces the issue of four dispensations for new Lodges, and declines a reelection.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is presented, as it has been for several years past, by Bro. CYRIL PEARL, one of the Grand Chaplains of this Grand Lodge. Like all the papers from his hands which we have seen, it is well written and courteously worded, displaying none of that violence of expression which has sometimes occurred in reports from other jurisdictions; and this year it is devoted entirely to that which seems to us to be its proper purpose. In a previous report we have intimated the opinion that Bro. PEARL has at times traveled somewhat out of the record, but the good natured manner in which he notices the criticism, though we still believe it to be just, makes us rather sorry that we gave it utterance. He seems in favor of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Canada, but, upon his motion, a resolution was adopted deferring the expression of any opinion by the Grand Lodge upon that subject, until the next Communication. An argument is again offered in favor of the establishment of a General Grand Lodge, and a resolution was passed instructing the Committee on Foreign Correspondence to address the various Grand Lodges of the United States upon that subject.

The sum of fifty dollars was voted to the chairman of that committee for his services; eight Grand Chaplains were appointed; and all the ten District Deputy Grand Masters presented reports—the last being a very unusual occurrence in most of the jurisdictions where that system prevails. From the Grand Treasurer's report the receipts for the year appear to have been \$1886, and the expenditures \$2930, leaving a small balance due that officer; but there is a charity fund, in stocks and cash, of \$6416. Seventy-seven chartered Lodges and three under dispensation now appear upon the registry of Maine, being two more than we last reported. The Grand Lodge was three days in session, during which the *M. W.* ROBERT P. DUNLAP was elected Grand Master, and the *R. W.* IRA BERRY was reelected Grand Secretary.

M A R Y L A N D .

We have from this Grand Lodge two pamphlets,—the first containing the proceedings at the Annual Communication commenced in the City of Baltimore on the seventeenth day of November, 1856, when the *M. W.* CHARLES WEBB, Grand Master, presided, and the *R. W.* JOSEPH ROBINSON was Grand Secretary—and the second embracing sundry special meetings, and the Semi-Annual Communication begun at the same City on the eleventh day of May, 1857.

On both occasions a brief Address was delivered by the Grand Master. In the first, Grand Master WEBB announces the issue of one dispensation during the preceeding half year, and declines being a candidate for reelection to the position which for three years he has so worthily occupied. In the second, Grand Master McKENNEY presents a few excellent remarks upon the physical, mental and moral qualifications of candidates for initiation; very concisely and properly describes the purpose of the ballot for initiates; and recommends to the Lodges the "Code of Masonic Law" prepared by Bro. ROBERT MORRIS, of Kentucky.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence at both Communications was presented by Bro. JOHN S. BERRY. Owing to a lack of time, as stated by the committee, the proceedings of the various Grand Lodges are not reviewed, *seriatim*, but a few of the most prominent points of discussion and difference among them are noticed and commented upon. That pernicious doctrine of so called "cases of emergency," is very justly rebuked; a most sensible interpretation is given to certain of the Ancient Charges relative to Masters and Apprentices; and dis-

approbation is expressed in regard to some of that legislation, which we have lately seen, and have more than once commented upon,—denouncing the “retail traffic in alcoholic drinks,” and asserting the practicability of “the stern morality of Masonry.” Bro. BERRY is opposed to any compulsory process to force Masons to perform their duties, and an amiable and ingenious argument is offered to prove that the belonging to a Lodge or contributing to its charity fund should be left altogether to the conscience, (or lack of conscience) of every individual Mason. We are not convinced of the correctness of this proposition. While, as we have before written, we do not think that the harsh measures adopted by some Grand Lodges are just or reasonable—extending, as they do, to suspension and expulsion for non-affiliation and for non-payment of dues—thus punishing these misdemeanors in Masonry in the same manner as the highest crimes known to its laws,—we *do* think that the deprivation of those Lodge privileges which the non-affiliated Mason refuses to contribute to support, commends itself to our every sense of justice and of right. The Massachusetts view of the illegitimacy of the Grand Lodge of Canada, is adopted by the Maryland committee, but we do not perceive that any action upon the subject has yet been had by the Grand Lodge. The position taken by the Grand Lodge of New York, in refusing to submit to the somewhat officiously offered arbitrament of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, between the former and the rebellious Lodges within her jurisdiction, is heartily approved; and the reports conclude with a recommendation that the Grand Lodges adopt a uniform size (octavo) for their several publications. This is the form in which the published transactions of California have always appeared, and as the republication of our first five years’ proceedings, lately prepared by the Grand Secretary, have been sent to all the Grand Lodges with which we are in correspondence, our brethren abroad will have an opportunity to see the manner in which it is intended to perpetuate the records of Masonry in this State.

A special meeting of the Grand Lodge was held on the tenth day of March, 1857, for the purpose of escorting the remains of Bro. E. K. KANE, on their passage through the city from the South. A plan for enlarging the Masonic Hall belonging to the Grand Lodge was adopted, and a committee was appointed to carry the proposed enlargement into execution, at a cost not to exceed \$20,000. An excellent report was presented by the Grand Inspectors for the City of Baltimore, in which we are pleased to see our own opinions confirmed, regarding the alleged necessity that a Master *must* have served as a Warden. The very proper, and as we think, all-sufficient qualification for the occupant of that position is given in the few words—that “he should at all times be the most intelligent, moral, and zealous Mason of the Lodge.” The Treasurer’s account in May, 1857, showed the receipts during the preceding half-year to have been \$2226, and the disbursements, \$1487, with a balance in the treasury of \$2036. The Grand Charity Fund invested amounts to \$20,887. Thirty-two chartered Lodges are now existing in Maryland. The Communications each continued during three days, sessions being held in the evenings only; and at the Annual one in November, 1857, the *M. W. J. A.* McKENNEY was elected Grand Master, and the *R. W.* JOSEPH ROBINSON was re-elected Grand Secretary.

M I C H I G A N .

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, for the year 1857, was held at the City of Detroit, commencing on the fourteenth day of January—the *M. W.* GEORGE C. MUNRO, Grand Master, presiding, and the *R. W.* JAMES FENTON being Grand Secretary.

The Address of the Grand Master is comparatively brief. He announces the issue of three Dispensations to form new Lodges during the year, and presents several applications for others. He asks the Grand Lodge to decide relative to the proper course to be pursued by the Subordinates when applied to for admission by those belonging to Lodges held under the authority of the Independent Grand Lodge of Canada; but we perceive that no action was had upon the suggestion, further than that the committee to whom it was referred, reported a recommendation that the matter be again referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, with instructions to report at the following Communication.

Bro. MUNRO also requests the Grand Lodge to decide "whether, after a candidate has been elected, he can be rejected, and objections raised by a brother who was not present when the ballot was passed," and also whether "it is proper and legal, after a ballot has been passed at one regular meeting, at the next regular meeting to move a reconsideration of the vote, and pass the ballot again." So far as the first question concerns a candidate for the initiatory degree, we understand the received opinion to be that any member may veto his initiation as peremptorily as he might have done at the ballot; but for the subsequent degrees, different opinions are held by Masonic writers—some asserting the same imperative right as in the first, and others, more correctly as we think, declaring that, as the applicant is already a Mason, he has certain rights which are not thus summarily to be disposed of, and that in such cases some examination should be had in regard to the *reasons* of the objection. As to the second question, it needs no argument to show the impropriety of the proposition, as were it admitted, a Lodge might go on balloting for, rejecting, and reconsidering the ballot for the same candidate at every regular meeting for a whole generation.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is presented, as during the two or three years preceding, by the Grand Secretary, Bro. JAMES FENTON. It is rather short, giving little more than the names of the various Grand Lodges, with a few quotations from some of their proceedings. The only opinion from the Committee which appears to have been offered in the report, is a recommendation that the Grand Lodge of Kansas be not acknowledged, upon the ground "that the true Masonic law does not recognise the right of any but sovereign and independent States to form a Grand Lodge." We would be obliged to our learned brother of Michigan if he would inform us where that "true Masonic law" is to be found, or where there is *any* Masonic law at all upon the subject, other than the custom which has grown up in the United States with the circumstances which have created so many new Grand Lodges in the Territories as well as in the States. Perhaps Bro. FENTON would at the same time give us his opinion in regard to the consistency of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, which *adopts* his report, with this recommendation, and in the same publication which presents that action, enumerates among the Grand Lodges in correspondence with itself, those of the District of Columbia, and the Territories of Minnesota and Oregon?

Amendments to the Constitution were adopted, requiring a candidate to have resided six months within the jurisdiction of the Lodge to which his application was made, to render him eligible; and authorizing the subordinate Lodges to publish the names of any expelled members, with the reasons for the expulsion, upon the concurrence of two thirds of the members present at the time of such action. An amendment which had been proposed, making all Past Masters full members of the Grand Lodge, was most properly rejected.

We remark a case where a member of a Lodge in one section of the State was tried by another distant Lodge within whose jurisdiction he resided, and was expelled for unmasonic conduct. An appeal was presented upon the ground that none but the Lodge of which the accused was a member had the right to try him, but the committee to whom the matter was referred reported, correctly, as we think, that every Mason was subject to discipline by the Lodge within whose jurisdiction he had taken up his residence, and the Grand Lodge, as correctly, adopted the report. The Grand Treasurer's exhibit shows that the receipts for the year were \$1923—that the expenditures for the same period were \$1970—and that there remained in the Treasury a balance of \$569. Ninety-three chartered Lodges and one under dispensation now grace the registry of Michigan, being an increase of seven since our last report. The Communication continued three days, during which the M. W. LEVI COOK was elected Grand Master, and the R. W. JAMES FENTON was reelected Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA.

The fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota was commenced at the City of St. Paul, on the seventh day of January, 1857—the M. W. A. T. C. PIERSON, Grand Master, presiding, and the R. W. HENRY REYNOLDS being Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master opens his Address with sundry historical reminiscences of

the Order. He declares the new Constitution, which was adopted at the preceding Communication, to be now in force, it having received the approbation of two thirds of the constituent Lodges. He announces the issue of eleven Dispensations to form new Lodges during the year; and mentions his refusal to grant one for the establishment of a Lodge to work in the German language, though that fact alone does not appear to be the only reason for the refusal. He lays down some excellent doctrine in regard to inquiry as to the fitness of candidates for initiation, and the proficiency of applicants for advancement; and concludes with a few judicious remarks relative to the proper keeping of the records of a Lodge, and the importance of a Secretary's office.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is presented by Bro. GEORGE W. PRESCOTT, the Grand Secretary elected at this Communication. It is a well prepared, though evidently hurried summary of the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Lodges, and gives ample testimony that when he shall be enabled to devote the time necessary to such a labor, the Grand Lodge of Minnesota will be well served by her Committee on Foreign Correspondence. A speck of humor in his writing gives us additional faith in him, and we shall be glad to hear from him another year. "We notice," says he, in speaking of the transactions of Rhode Island, "one very nourishing feature in the method of procedure 'adopted' by this Grand Body. A part of the usual programme seems to be the forming of a procession and marching somewhere to hear an address; after which from 'about three hundred' to 'a large number' of ladies and brethren sit down to 'an excellent dinner,' a 'sumptuous entertainment,' or 'the good things of this life';" either one of which Bro. PRESCOTT seems to think rather preferable to the ordinary shadowy "refreshments" of modern times. The regulation of Minnesota, by which votes on trials are given *viva voce*, are disapproved by him, and he notes with approbation the change made by the Grand Lodge of California in this respect. At a later period we perceive that an amendment to the Constitution was proposed, by which the better rule of a secret ballot is intended to be substituted. The report contains a good-humored allusion to ourselves, and we take the occasion to assure Bro. PRESCOTT that his explanation of the five days' session to which we once alluded, is "sufficient," and that we cheerfully "accept his apology."

The financial report exhibits a revenue for the year of \$1100, and an expenditure of \$726, with a balance in the treasury of \$846. Eighteen chartered Lodges and four under dispensation now exist in the Territory, being ten more than our last report presented. The Grand Lodge was three days in session. The M. W. A. T. C. PIERSON was reelected Grand Master, and the R. W. GEO. W. PRESCOTT was elected Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI.

The Grand Lodge of this State commenced its Annual Communication for the year 1857, at the City of Vicksburg, on the nineteenth day of January—the M. W. GILES M. HILLYER, Grand Master, presiding, and the R. W. R. W. T. DANIEL being Grand Secretary.

The Address of the Grand Master opens with a dissertation upon the purposes, growth and present extent of Freemasonry. He states that he has received the reports of only eight of the twenty-one District Deputy Grand Masters, and regrets the mistaken economy of the Grand Lodge which had deprived that office of all that was attractive, and thus rendered it difficult to find brethren who were willing to accept it, or, having accepted it, who would properly perform its duties. He announces the issue, during the year, of five Dispensations to form new Lodges; calls attention to the embarrassed state of the finances; and strongly recommends to the Grand Lodge a Geographical and Masonic Map of the State of Mississippi, recently published by the Grand Secretary, Bro. DANIEL. He suggests a change in the time of meeting of the Grand Lodge, so that the Masters and Wardens who have served during the year may be the representatives of the Lodges, instead of the new officers scarcely a month in existence, as at present happens; or, in default of such change, that the old officers shall represent the Lodges; and he concludes his Address by declining a reelection.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. R. W. T. DANIEL, the

Grand Secretary. It is, with the exception of a single page, devoted to a long defence of the Bible, which somebody, unnamed, appears to be suspected of having attacked. The earnest argument against its being removed from our altars seems to us so much a work of supererogation, that it is impossible to avoid thinking of the man of straw which was set up only for the purpose of being knocked down. The Grand Lodge ordered the report to be spread upon the minutes, "not with the intention of adopting the same, especially that part which discusses the Greater Light, which we prefer to remain as we received it."

A report on the subject of proxies was presented by Bro. WM. P. MELLE, and was adopted by the Grand Lodge, which declares that Masters should only be represented by Past Masters—Senior Wardens by Past Masters or Past Senior Wardens—and Junior Wardens by Past Masters or Past Wardens, Senior or Junior; and that the representatives of Lodges must be Past Masters. The theory of this regulation is very good, but we greatly doubt its working well in practice. Many officers and Lodges will probably remain unrepresented in consequence of the limitation, and many of those which do not, it will perhaps be found could have been better represented had wider latitude been left for choice.

We are pleased to see that the long services of Bro. MELLE in the Grand Lodge have been acknowledged by the presentation to him of a service of silver by sundry of the brethren. It was presented with some flattering but well-deserved remarks by the Grand Master, which were responded to in suitable terms by the recipient. He had been twenty-seven years a member of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, during twenty-one of which he had served as its Grand Secretary. From the financial reports, as nearly as we can make out from the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, both of whom appear to be disbursing officers, the receipts for the year were about \$2223, and the expenditures \$2856, leaving a considerable balance due each of them. The register of Mississippi now shows a list of one hundred and ninety-five existing chartered Lodges, and two under dispensation, being eight more than were named in our last report. The Grand Lodge was four days in session. The *M. W.* WM. R. CANNON was elected Grand Master, and the *R. W.* R. W. T. DANIEL was reelected Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Missouri has begun at the City of St. Louis, on the twenty-fifth day of May, 1857—the *M. W.* BENJAMIN SHARP, Grand Master, presiding, and the *R. W.* A. O'SULLIVAN being Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master commences his address with a lesson upon charity. He regrets the failure of many of the District Deputies to perform their duties, and hopes that in future these officers "may find more time and have more inclination to look after the interests of the Craft in their respective jurisdictions." He suggests to the brethren who write so many unnecessary letters of inquiry upon Masonic subjects, to read the laws and inform themselves. He announces the issue of eleven Dispensations to form new Lodges during the year; and, after a brief review of the present embarrassing condition of the Masonic College, most sensibly, as we think, submits to the Grand Lodge whether it would not be better to close the concern, and sell or lease the property.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is presented by Bro. GEORGE WHITCOMB. It gives a brief notice of and some quotations from the proceedings of most of the Grand Lodges of the United States; and concludes with a collation of the opinions expressed by or in those bodies in regard to sundry of the questions which have lately been most discussed. On the subject of non-affiliation, after reciting the action of or suggestions to twenty-five Grand Lodges, he concludes that

"Probably the true ground is that laid down by OLIVER, MACKEY, and others, that a Mason in good standing has a right to demit, but by so doing he debar himself from visiting Lodges, assisting in public ceremonies, receiving pecuniary aid from the Lodges, and Masonic interment; but is entitled to individual aid and assistance as a Mason, and is bound by all the requirements of his obligations."

This has been our own opinion, and in the briefer words that he "shall not be the recipient of *any* of the rights, privileges, or charities of any Lodge in this jurisdiction," has become the law of the Grand Lodge of California. In regard to temperance, the legislation of sundry Grand Lodges is quoted by Bro. WHITCOMB, and we observe that "California says that 'temperance is one of the most sacred precepts of Masonry—she sanctions no departure from this cherished precept, nor brooks intemperance in any form.'" Now, though some Grand Master or committee may have written this to round a period or fill a paragraph, we are very certain that, with the exception of the absurdity enacted four years ago, when it was solemnly resolved "that the stern morality of Masonry is practicable," &c., the *Grand Lodge* of California has not mis-spent its time in passing ordinances upon subjects which were the laws of Masonry and of morality long before Grand Lodges were ever heard of. The grave enactments of Masonic legislatures that a violation of the moral law is really immoral, is not only ridiculous, but worse, as it may well leave the inference upon the minds of the uninitiated that the remarkable fact is a new discovery by our Conscript Fathers, and that the conduct of Masons requires especial guardianship in such respects. We have heretofore expressed our opinions at length upon this matter, and are pleased with the conclusion of Bro. WHITCOMB, "that temperance is taught by our ritual and should be strictly observed, but we very much doubt the propriety or usefulness of Grand Lodges passing so many resolutions upon the subject." The question relative to the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Canada is briefly noticed, and after enumerating the Grand Lodges which had taken action upon that subject, so far as heard from, it is declared that there is no occasion for the Grand Lodge of Missouri "to take any further steps at present." This appears to have been the opinion of the Grand Lodge, as we do not see that the subject was elsewhere mentioned during its Communication. The subjects of uniformity of work, and of the proper boundaries of Masonic jurisdictions, are treated in the same manner as the others, but as neither of these things have much interest for us here, we not now being troubled on the one score or the other, we simply express the opinion that in regard to the last, the only certain course to avoid difficulty and annoyance is a rigid adherence to the State or Territorial lines which mark the political boundaries within which the Grand Lodge is situated. The report concludes with some remarks upon the general manner of constituting, and the onerous labors of, a Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which are so sensible that no false modesty shall prevent our copying them in full.

"We think the present system defective. A committee is appointed, but one person, the chairman, does all the work, and it is really his report. Frequently a very incompetent—or, as in our case, an inexperienced—brother is selected as the chairman, and the report is anything else than a review of the workings of the Craft. Some hobby-horse is mounted,—some one idea is got after and chased to the end of the report—with little benefit to the writer, and much less to the reader. Sometimes it is of the snapping-turtle order, like that of our brother HACKER, of Indiana, or is as misanthropic as the one by our Delaware brother, who must have been very bilious when he wrote it. The plan we suggest is the one adopted by South Carolina, California, Illinois, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Oregon and Vermont, to make the Grand Secretary chairman of the committee; or, what would be better, because more simple, either to let him make a report on Foreign Correspondence, or, if the duties would be too onerous, have a Corresponding Grand Secretary for that especial purpose. But, whether the Grand Secretary makes the report, or it be made by the chairman of a committee, as at present, *let them be paid*, as they are in Maine, Tennessee, Connecticut, (New York) and some other States. We speak from experience when we say that no one can afford to faithfully do his duty, analyze the proceedings of the several Grand Lodges, and make such a report as the brethren ought to have, without remuneration; and we speak freely, because under no circumstances will we again attempt to discharge the duty."

From the Grand Master's Address to the end of the proceedings it appears evident that our brethren of Missouri are becoming satisfied of the folly of their Masonic College. Something more than \$32,000 has already been paid on its account by the Grand Lodge, besides the funds arising from the sale of scholarships, tuition, contributions of Lodges, &c., and a present indebtedness of about \$6,000; and it has just been ascertained that very little, comparatively, in the

education of élèves of the Grand Lodge, has been received in return. Every year their proceedings have teemed with reports from the Presidents of the College, Boards of Curators, Boards of the College Endowment Fund, Boards of Trustees,—all sorts of Boards in fact, including constant reports about the *Boarding-house*, so that the publications consisted almost entirely of these things ; and now, sufficiently amused, the Grand Lodge has directed that proposals be received by the Board of Curators for the disposal of the property. The financial reports exhibit a revenue for the year of \$5,927 and an expenditure of \$6,967, leaving still a balance in the treasury of \$5,297, most of which was appropriated toward paying off the debt of the College, and its current expenses. One hundred and sixty-three chartered Lodges and five under dispensation now exist in Missouri, being an increase of ten since our last report. The Communication continued during six days. Twenty-five District Deputy Grand Masters and seven Grand Chaplains were appointed. The *M. W.* SAMUEL H. SAUNDERS was elected Grand Master, and the *R. W.* A. O'SULLIVAN was reelected Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA.

Another has been added to the Registry of American Grand Lodges—the thirty-sixth of the list—and cordially as we last year welcomed the Supreme Masonic organization of her political twin-sister, Kansas, do we now extend our greetings to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

On the twenty-third day of September, 1857, the Masters and Wardens of the three Lodges then existing in Nebraska, viz.:—Nebraska Lodge, No. 184, chartered by Illinois—Giddings Lodge, No. 156, chartered by Missouri—and Capital Lodge, No. 101, chartered by Iowa, assembled at Omaha City ; and in all proper form, so far as appears from the record now before us, formed and opened a Grand Lodge for that Territory, and elected and installed its officers. A Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order for the Grand Lodge, and Rules and Regulations for the government of its subordinates, were adopted. In the first we are pleased to see that our Nebraska brethren have profited in one respect by the unlucky experience of some of their elders, and have left out Past Masters from the membership of the Grand Lodge, thus probably sparing themselves much future trouble. On the other hand, we regret the announcement in the organic law that it is the prerogative of the Grand Master “to make Masons at sight,” and cannot but consider it as unnecessary or unwise, or both. If Grand Masters, by virtue of their office, really possess such a “prerogative,” as is claimed by some, then it was most unnecessary to enact that which was already a foregone conclusion. If they do not, was it not unwise to place such needless power in his hands, and thus, from the highest source, set the example of removing the careful guards around the doors of initiation which it is, or ought to be the constant duty of the Fraternity to maintain? What need is there in these days, when in every State and Territory a Lodge is to be found within easy reach of all, that Masons should be made *at sight*? If the Grand Master for the time be really a good Mason, it is not probable that he will ever use the power thus acknowledged, as he will properly prefer that candidates should pass through the ordeal of inquiry among their neighbors and acquaintances, as prescribed by our general usages. If he be not, which *may* sometimes happen, it is not difficult to see how dangerous and unfortunate for our Order, the uncontrolled exercise of such authority may become. The provision is, in our opinion, *both* unwise and unnecessary, and we can only hope that naught may occur in Nebraska to make it more than a dead letter in the law.

We remark in the By-Laws a rather stringent legislation on the subject of dues. The designation of their amount and the times when they are payable, in the by-laws of the Lodge, is properly declared to be a sufficient notice to each member. But it is further “made the imperative duty of the Master to cause the Secretary to enter ‘suspended’ every member who shall be in arrears, and forthwith to notify him of the same ; and if, within a reasonable time thereafter, as the Lodge may determine, the member so suspended does not discharge his dues, he shall be expelled.” In the Rules of Order it is declared that the Grand Master “shall be the judge of order and debate. When his decision is fairly

questionable, an appeal may be made to the Grand Lodge; but such appeal must be neither captious, contemptuous, or contumacious. Truth, justice and candor must be the desiderata in such appeal." We approve the simple declaration that an appeal may be made, for the reasons we have previously given, but regard the accompanying pretty words as very useless. Who is to decide whether it is "captious, contemptuous, or contumacious," or whether "truth, justice, and candor" are among its "desiderata?" If the Grand Master, then perchance there might as well have been no effort at appeal; if the Grand Lodge, then the ascertainment of its preliminary qualifications is but a waste of time. Legislation should deal in as few words as is compatible with the annunciation of an order. It should be imperative, not advisory—absolute, not suggestive—and should never be weakened or rendered doubtful by explanatory accompaniments.

A single day sufficed for the performance of the labors of our Nebraska brethren, and the first Wednesday in June, 1858, was appointed for the next Communication. The *M. W.* ROBERT C. JORDAN was elected Grand Master, and the *R. W.* GEORGE ARMSTRONG, Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The Grand Lodge of this State commenced its Annual Communication for the year 1857, at the City of Concord, on the ninth day of June—the *M. W.* ALFRED GREELEY, Grand Master, presiding, and the *R. W.* HORACE CHASE being Grand Secretary.

The Address of the Grand Master is a brief report upon matters only of local interest. He announces the issue of one Dispensation to form a new Lodge, and of another to revive an old one; and notices the decease of Bro. HENRY HUBBARD, a Past Grand Master of New Hampshire, and of several others, late members of that Grand Lodge.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence appears to be presented by Bro. B. M. TILESTON. It consists principally of quotations from the proceedings of other Grand Lodges, and gives very few comments upon them by the writer. Among the few given, we notice a most sensible objection to the argument of Bro. STORER, of Connecticut, that all Masons, whether members or not, should have the privilege of voting in any Lodge where they may happen to be, upon the application of candidates for the degrees; and of a dissent to the new Masonic test in regard to the Holy Scriptures, which has been adopted by two or three Grand Lodges, in which Bro. TILESTON well quotes the ancient regulations upon that subject. He entertains the same opinion as ourselves upon the right to demit and the consequences of such demission; and presents a resolution reprobating the practice of permitting "cases of emergency," which we are happy to see was adopted by the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, as in all those we have reviewed during the present year, we have not met one which needed the correction more. The Grand Master's Address and every District Deputy's report contains a paragraph announcing the issue of dispensations for emergent cases—the first naively putting one case upon the ground that it was to the candidate "a matter of convenience," the others saying that "the continued emigration rendered it necessary," that it "facilitated the work," and that it was requisite for parties "about to leave the country!"

The financial reports show that there was received during the year the sum of \$552, and that the expenditures amounted to \$306, leaving \$1206 in the treasury. Six District Deputy Grand Masters, six Grand Lecturers, six Grand Chaplains, and six Grand Stewards were appointed, which, for the thirty-two Lodges now existing in the State, may be considered a very liberal allowance of Grand Officers. The Grand Lodge was two days in session, during which the *M. W.* GEORGE H. HUBBARD was elected Grand Master, and the *R. W.* HORACE CHASE was reelected Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey for the year 1857 was commenced at the city of Trenton, on the fourteenth day of January—the *M. W.* DANIEL BABBITT, Grand Master, presiding, and the *R. W.* JOSEPH H. HOUGH being Grand Secretary.

The Address of the Grand Master is a well-written and interesting paper. He laments the absence of the familiar faces of those with whom, a quarter of a century ago, he used to meet in the Masonic Temple; adverts to the changes in the language of the ritual which he says have crept in during that time, in New Jersey; and reprehends "that practice which, in unfolding to a candidate the secret mysteries of Freemasonry, substitutes for the tradition, the printed manual of some perjured Judas, who has betrayed his trust, and incurred the penalties of his violated obligations." This is the first time that we ever heard of such a practice, and if it exists in New Jersey, we cannot avoid the expression of some surprise that a more active and practical condemnation has not followed it. Bro. BABBITT announces the issue of five Dispensations, during the year, to form new Lodges, and one to resuscitate an old one; and declines a reelection to the Grand Mastership.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is presented by the Grand Secretary, Bro. JOSEPH H. HOUGH. It is a brief, but well-prepared resumé of the transactions of most of the Grand Lodges. He notices the proceedings in our body, in May, 1856, which directed the return to New Jersey of a certain sum of fifty-six dollars, sent to us by Grand Master STEWART, on behalf of that Grand Lodge; and we allude to it here because Bro. HOUGH, at the same Communication, in his report as Grand Secretary, declares that the money has never been received by him. As the Chairman of this Committee is the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, he deems it proper to say that on the twentieth day of June, a month after the close of the Communication in 1856, he transmitted to Past Grand Master EDWARD STEWART, (from whom the money came) a draft for fifty-six dollars, with an accompanying communication upon the subject, the receipt of which was duly acknowledged by Bro. STEWART in a letter dated on the fifteenth day of August, following.

We observe in the Report of the R. W. T. R. VARICK, Deputy Grand Master, that the illegal organization called Atwood Lodge, established at Hoboken, something more than a year before, under the auspices of the self-styled St. John's Grand Lodge, New York, has been abandoned, and that its members were all duly healed by him and have since become members of the regular Lodge at that place. So far all was well, but we think Bro. VARICK's good nature led him to commit a grave error when he recommended that the Master of that spurious body should be acknowledged as a Past Master, and be received as a member of the Grand Lodge. This last evidently thought so too, as the recommendation was not concurred in. The custom prevails in New Jersey of dividing the superintendency of the subordinate Lodges among the first four Grand officers, each of whom reports at the Annual Communication upon the condition of those within his particular district. The arrangement seems to us a very good one for a small jurisdiction, much better than the ponderous machinery of District Deputies, Grand Inspectors, &c., &c., which, in but few instances that have come under our observation, has performed a tithe of the duties for which it was designed. The Grand Secretary's account shows receipts to the amount of \$1126. The only disbursements mentioned appear in the report of the Committee on Bills, amounting to \$442. Forty-nine chartered Lodges now appear upon the register, being an increase of eight since we last reported. The Grand Lodge was two days in session, the M. W. JOSEPH TRIMBLE having been elected Grand Master, and the R. W. JOSEPH H. HOUGH reelected Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

The seventy-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of this State, was commenced at the City of New York, on the second day of June, 1857—the M. W. JOHN L. LEWIS, Jr., Grand Master, presiding, and the R. W. JAMES M. AUSTIN being Grand Secretary.

We are so much in the habit of praising the published productions of the Grand Lodge of New York, and there is every year so much in its varied transactions that is most worthy of all praise, that we would almost feel a sensation of pleasure could we find an unmasonic decision, an illogical argument, an ill-written report, an undignified proceeding, or even a little bit of bad grammar, by finding fault with which we might relieve ourselves somewhat of our present

repletion with good things. Unhappily for our present state of feeling, we can discover nothing in the volume now before us to satisfy our misanthropic craving, and we are constrained to commence our review of these proceedings by the declaration that the Address of the Grand Master is by far the ablest paper of the kind which has come to our notice during the year. Its choice of subjects, its manner of treating them, its style, its spirit,—all are most felicitous, betokening the good Mason, judicious officer and accomplished scholar; and we regret that the bare summary which we are permitted to give, will afford so little indication of those things, the reading of which has given us so much pleasure and instruction. In the opening, when expressing the hope that the joyous feeling which characterized similar assemblages of our fathers in the olden time, would prevail at that session among those then before him, he says:—

“Masonry has two histories—the one, enrolled in its archives, which flood and conflagration have not destroyed—the other, written with the diamond pen of truth upon the tablets of the heart, which neither flood nor conflagration *can* destroy. In both is found inscribed the fact that the General Assembly has ever been a festal season, where good will, harmony, and freedom prevailed; and the wise counsels of the veteran, gray-bearded Master tempered the fiery enthusiasm of the young and zealous Apprentice, and produced those beneficial results which have made it a blessing to the nations.”

He deprecates the frequent magnifying of the little difficulties which will some times arise in Lodges, into things of mighty moment; and after giving instances of the manner in which these occurrences most frequently take place, well says, “how utterly insignificant does all this appear, in view of the world-wide enterprise before us, and of the mighty host now marching to its accomplishment.” He congratulates the Grand Lodge upon the harmony and prosperity which prevails within its jurisdiction, and announces that, with a single exception, its foreign relations are not less happy and gratifying. The exception mentioned alludes to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. It will be recollected that we last year copied in full the report of the New York committee, to whom was referred the somewhat arrogant proffer of that Grand Lodge, to ascertain and determine whether there was *any* Grand Lodge in the State of New York; and we then expressed our opinions in regard to the severe, but just and well-merited language of that report. A resolution accompanied it, proposing that, inasmuch as the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania ignored the existence of any such body in New York, all Masonic intercourse between those owning allegiance to the Grand Lodge of New York and those hailing from Pennsylvania should be forbidden. This, though a proper, and even necessary conclusion to the facts set forth in the report, was laid upon the table from causes which at the time were unexplained to us. We now give them in the language of the Grand Master, with his recommendations as to the course which should be pursued in regard to Pennsylvania:

“It is unnecessary for me to call attention to the points in difference between us. Our relations are not changed from what they were at the last Annual Communication. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, after an interchange of fraternal courtesies ranging through three quarters of a century, has assumed to be in doubt as to the existence of a Grand Lodge in this State, affects to think that there is no regular Masonic Fraternity left within our borders, and has sternly forbidden her subordinates from having communication with us. A resolution imposing the same interdict on our part, was introduced at our last Annual Communication, and upon motion of a distinguished brother, whose heart still clung with affection to a body from which he had derived hereditary honors to add to his own well-earned laurels, and with a generosity widely in contrast with the indignity offered him personally, it was laid upon the table.

“In my judgment the time has now arrived for action upon it. A sense of self-respect leaves us no other alternative, and the complaints of our brethren thrust from *their* doors, while *ours* have been left open to receive those hailing from the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, ought not longer to pass unheeded. We can and ought as sternly to ignore the existence of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and its subordinates, as they do ours. But it is not meant that this should be done in a spirit of personal bitterness. Pennsylvania has too many noble and distinguished brethren to make this aught but a sad and sorrowful parting between us. When justice shall prevail in its counsels, and a conviction of our existence shall dawn upon our beclouded brethren in that State, then we shall be as prompt and ready to extend the right hand of fellowship as we have been in the long by-gone years.”

At a later period this suggestion was approved by the Grand Lodge of New York, and a resolution, similar to the one above spoken of, was adopted, which suspends all intercourse with Pennsylvania. The Canadian question is again alluded to, not with any apparent purpose to urge a change of the decision already arrived at by the Grand Lodge of New York, but with the suggestion that, as it has been alleged by some writers upon the subject that such decision was hasty and without sufficient information, it might be well, out of respect for those who, after careful investigation, had presented a different opinion, that the subject should be again considered, with the additional light which perchance the lapse of time may have thrown upon it. The committee to whom this portion of the Address was referred, reported a resolution that the Grand Lodge of New York "finds nothing in the situation of affairs in Canada, requiring a change, at present, of the position taken on this subject last year;" and the resolution was adopted. Some excellent suggestions in regard to the work and lectures are offered by the Grand Master; and the manner in which the experiment of the system of District Deputy Grand Masters has operated thus far in that State, is spoken of with approval. In regard to the "difficulties in New York," which have so much exercised the pens (rather than the discretion) of many of our brethren upon committees like this, the Grand Master holds the following firm and dignified, yet temperate and proper language:—

"The subject of domestic dissensions in our Fraternity, has largely occupied the attention of brethren, and the Grand bodies without the jurisdiction, for several years. While we were quietly pursuing our duties and increasing the circumference of our fold, from year to year, unconscious of aught to disturb our tranquility, save those little differences of opinion which spring up within the boundaries of every Grand Lodge on this continent, and which passed away with the occasion which gave rise to them, the voice of lamentation, of sympathy, of reproof, of remonstrance, and even of sarcastic invective, was by turns sounded in our ears. By far the greater part of these, had distinct allusion to the difficulties of 1849, but others honestly supposed that the Freemasons of this great State were constantly rocked to and fro by dissensions, without any very definite idea of their cause. Confident in the impregnable strength of our position, and conscious of the rectitude of our principles and acts, these murmurs had ceased to attract more than a passing attention within our borders; but it was galling and painful to find, when brought into communion with brethren from other States, that we were often treated coldly, and viewed with apparent distrust and suspicion, from these supposed domestic difficulties. From time to time, as a measure of caution, due alike to ourselves, and to those thus affiliated with us, we had deemed it necessary to give notice and warning of the existence of clandestine bodies in the State, having their existence from causes connected with the difficulties of 1849. These were, in some quarters, magnified into new controversies and dissensions, and were the sources of renewed comment. For the sympathy of our brethren in other jurisdictions we have ever felt and expressed the warmest gratitude; for their timely aid in trial we are bound to them by new ties of fraternal obligation; for their advice as to the wisest measures for us to pursue, we are deeply indebted; and their friendly remonstrances have ever met with the most respectful attention; nor is our sense of obligation and gratitude lessened by the fact that we having been clearly right, they could have scarcely acted otherwise without palpable inconsistency. But self-respect also impels us to say, that we are an independent Grand Lodge, and self-reliance constrains us to declare, that we feel entirely competent to manage our own internal affairs within the pale of Masonic law, and the bounds of principle, to which none have adhered more rigidly in precept and practice than the combined Fraternity of this State."

The late effort to effect a settlement of these "difficulties," and the proposed "Articles of Union" presented by a committee appointed for that purpose at the last Annual Communication, are considered at some length by Grand Master Lewis. After a notice of the negotiation of that committee with one from the other body (the Philips' organization,) and of its consequences, he expresses his willingness to sacrifice some feeling and opinion to promote a settlement, if it involve no failure in any principle held sacred by that Grand Lodge, or by the Fraternity.

"If," says he, "there were no other barriers to union, than the two leading measures discussed—that is, the restoration of Past Masters, and the disposition of the Permanent Fund, I should be willing to concede both for the sake of union, and future peace and harmony; the more readily that it would require no abandonment of principle, and would only

demand the relinquishment of long cherished views of expediency. The essential point of difference in 1849, was the power and right of the Grand Lodge to cut off the membership of Past Masters. This was asserted as an undoubted right by those who now compose this body, and was strenuously denied by those who went out from us, who claimed the right of Past Masters to membership as absolute, inalienable and indefeasible, and that they were as much and as necessarily constituent members of the Grand Lodge, as Masters of Lodges. By the Articles proposed, this ground of absolute and inalienable right, thus taken by the seceders, is wholly abandoned, and with it the whole point in dispute; and the right then claimed by this Grand Lodge is conceded, having only the condition annexed to it that those who then were, or at the end of the year, would become Past Masters, should be exempted from its provisions, so that it should have no retrospective effect. It resolves itself, therefore, into a mere question of expediency, whether this condition shall be assented to, and of which the Grand Lodge itself is to be the sole judge—and this point in the case, I apprehend, has not been fully considered by those out of the Grand Lodge in its bearings upon the future. As it respects the Fund, whatever may be the view taken of the propriety of the transfer proposed, I have ever claimed that the great principle so long and so triumphantly contended for, and now conceded, should not be influenced or controlled by any mere pecuniary consideration; and have been, therefore indifferent as to the result in that respect, as affecting the question of union. It should not be said of us by the Masonic world, that our past differences had been created, or perpetuated by a sordid love of money.

“But I am constrained with equal frankness to say, that these two features in the Articles are *not* the only obstacles to the proposed union. There are others, which should be carefully weighed and scrutinized before they receive the affirmative action of this Grand Lodge, lest it forget its own dignity, and violate well-established principles of Masonic law. In an honest and laudable desire to be fraternal, let us not forget to be Masonic. And having thus invited attention to the subject, it will be unnecessary to enter further into detail. In dismissing this topic, it is due to it to remark, that it should be wholly abandoned if it be satisfactorily shown to be productive of alienation of feeling, and unhappy divisions in our own body, or afford well-grounded confidence of pardon and amnesty to offenders in the future. A desire to secure a *future* good should not be made destructive of *present* peace and tranquillity, or be subversive of sound principles of government.”

The committee on the Condition of Masonry, to whom this portion of the Address was referred, conclude an excellent report upon the subject with a resolution that “the articles of union agreed on by the Committee for the adjustment of Masonic Difficulties in the State of New York, do not meet the approbation of this Grand Lodge”; and the resolution was adopted by a very large majority. Attention is called by the Grand Master to the Masonic Board of Relief recently established in the City of New York, a report from which will be hereafter noticed; and to the subject of a Masonic Asylum, in regard to which an able and interesting report was subsequently presented. He bestows a glowing tribute upon the memory of our late distinguished brother E. K. KANE, and announces the eulogy afterwards pronounced before the Grand Lodge upon his life and character. He refers to the proposed compilation of a history of Masonry in New York, which had been entrusted at the last Communication to the venerable and Reverend Bro. SALEM TOWN, and expresses his regret that the infirmities of advancing age had compelled that brother to decline the task. He recommends the preparation of a uniform code of by-laws for the Lodges, the establishment of a system of rules to be observed in trials for Masonic offences, and the more careful collection and publication of Masonic statistics; and concludes his admirable address with some details of the local transactions growing out of the duties of his office during the year.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is, as heretofore, from the untiring pen of Bro. FINLAY M. KING, the late and present Senior Grand Warden of that Grand Lodge. That fact alone contains sufficient commendation of the paper, and we shall not, therefore, examine the dictionary to find adjectives expressive of our continued admiration of his labors. Its earlier pages are devoted to an examination of the ten fundamental propositions submitted by the Universal Masonic Congress, the proceedings of which (thanks to Bro. KING) were given in full in our last report. To his conclusions concerning them we cordially subscribe, except in so far as his approval of the third proposition would seem to include the whole of it. The portion of that proposition which prescribes that a diploma should contain “a testamentary formula, setting forth the desire of

the recipient that after his death it may be returned to the Lodge from whence it emanated," we do not approve ; and this for reasons which will readily suggest themselves to most English and American Masons, and which we briefly mentioned in our last year's report. The opinions of Bro. KING upon these propositions, approving most, and not rejecting any of them, were adopted by a formal resolution of the Grand Lodge. Considerable space is given to a review of the proceedings of California, and, while "the greatest confidence in the intelligence and sagacity of our brethren" here is expressed, the rapid increase of our Lodges and membership, "unparalleled in the history of any jurisdiction of equal population," is suggestive of "apprehensions that unpleasant consequences may ensue therefrom." What may be in the future none of us can foretell, but so far as the present is concerned, we have not a little proper pride in saying — what we are sure the friendly interest manifested by the New York committee will induce them to hear with pleasure — that, so far as our information extends, there is not a jurisdiction of equal extent in the United States which has less difficulties among its members, so few misunderstandings among its Lodges, so little violation of the laws of its Grand Lodge, and so uniform a system of work throughout its territory, as has this one of but eight years' growth, though now comprising one hundred and nineteen existing Lodges. For the flattering manner in which the humble labors of this committee are noticed by Bro. KING, we offer thanks — "Approbation from Sir Hubert Stanley is praise indeed." He furnishes an abstract of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of California upon the memorial of *Hawaiian* Lodge, No. 21, in regard to the so-called Lodge "*Le Progrès de l'Océanie*," at Honolulu, presented in 1856 ; and, approving the report of a committee upon that subject, which was adopted by the Grand Lodge, uses the following language :—

"As that Committee proceed to state, that Lodge must be judged of by the laws of the Grand Orient. A copy of the Constitution of that body is before us, and article 22d prescribes, that 'The cessation of the work of a Lodge, carries with it, of right, the suppression of all the other bodies of which it is the basis, but with a delay that is fixed by general statutes, the Lodge becoming thus extinct, will be permitted to unite with another Lodge by the consent of the latter.' The statutes of the Grand Orient are not before us ; but if we may be allowed to deduce a conclusion from this language, the Lodge becomes extinct on the cessation of its work, and can no more revive without the consent of the Grand Orient than if it had never existed ; especially is this the case, where, as in the present instance, all the members unite with another Lodge. We have little doubt that the Grand Lodge did right in the course they pursued."

In another place will be shown the efforts which the writer of this report has made to procure information upon this subject from the highest quarter—the Grand Orient of France itself,—though thus far they have been ineffectual.

We confess some surprise at seeing a considerable amount of laudation bestowed by the New York Committee upon the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, because it had adopted a resolution forbidding the conferring of "more than one degree on the same candidate, at one meeting, unless authorized by Dispensation from one of the first four officers of the Grand Lodge." We had been ignorant enough to suppose that the proposition contained in the resolution (except the *four* dispensing powers) was the general law ; and had no idea how much our own jurisdiction had rendered itself liable to high commendation, for having observed it from the beginning. Our brethren of Iowa seem to be in rather bad luck. It is but a year or two since a report of one of her Committees on Foreign Correspondence was somewhat roughly handled by many of the similar committees in other States, and was, indeed, manipulated to some extent, though tenderly, by ourselves ; and we now see Bro. KING very properly objecting to that portion of another, which speaks of one of his reports as it would "of a dose of medicine that had been administered to a patient—that it *runs through* fifty-four pages," &c. The report concludes with the offer of three resolutions—the first relative to the propositions of the Universal Masonic Congress, which, as we have already stated, was concurred in,—the second recognizing the Grand Lodge of Kansas, which was adopted,—and the third proposing the appointment of a committee to collate and publish the transactions of the Grand Lodge of New York, from its organization to the present day, which we are sorry to see was laid on the table.

A ceremony of much interest to the Fraternity in our jurisdiction occurred during this Communication. It will be recollected that the proposition of Grand Master EVANS, of New York, relative to an interchange of Representatives, made some two years ago, was cheerfully accepted by the Grand Lodge of California, and that the then Grand Master, Bro. WM. H. HOWARD, was authorized to name some suitable brother to represent us near the Grand Lodge of New York. In pursuance of this authorization, Bro. HOWARD selected for that purpose the R. W. JAMES W. POWELL, Past Grand Secretary of that Grand Lodge, not only because of his high rank in that body, and of the deservedly high esteem in which he is held by its members, but as an evidence that the kindly services which in days bygone he had so generously rendered to this Grand Lodge were not forgotten. The appointment was accepted by Bro. POWELL, and in presenting his credentials to the Grand Master of New York at this Communication, he addressed him as follows:—

“*M. W. GRAND MASTER :*

“I came here this evening to present my credentials as the accredited representative of the M. W. Grand Lodge of California near this M. W. Grand Lodge. Should you recognize and acknowledge me as such, henceforth it will be my high privilege to discharge the grateful duty of cultivating and strengthening the bonds of friendship and brotherly love, which now so happily subsist between both Grand bodies.

“No position in the gift of my Masonic brethren, throughout the entire universe, could be more acceptable to me; and while I feel convinced that this important and honorable trust might be confided to others, more capable of upholding the dignity and doing justice to the sentiments of benevolence which actuate the M. W. Grand Lodge of California, yet am I sure that none could approach this Grand Lodge with a more lively sense of past favors, and a more earnest desire of fulfilling the pleasing duties which it imposes, with zeal, alacrity and fidelity.

“I feel, sir, a pride, an honest pride, in being thus, unexpectedly, singled out in my retracy, by that M. W. Grand Lodge. I accept the position as an honorable testimonial of their approval of our former connection, and indeed it is so nominated in the bond. The kind expressions of friendship which I have at the same time received from Grand Master HOWARD, renders the appointment more peculiarly gratifying.

“The Grand Lodges of New York and California have many things in common, and though separated by space, are already united by the electric cord of sympathy. and will be, ere long, I trust, territorially bound together by the iron rail of progress. Each stands, as it were, at the very threshold of our national enterprise—the one receiving into its noble bay a world’s marine—its ships whitening every sea, carrying the blessings of civilization to the remotest ends of the earth; the other receiving into its lap the rich treasures of its own golden valleys, and soon to receive the richer treasures of a great Asiatic commerce. Here, then, in those two great entrepôts of the Western world, our brethren from at home and abroad are ever passing to and fro. At one time thrown upon our shores by the Atlantic’s broad billows—again wafted by the more gentle waves of the placid Pacific to the auriferous sands of California. Often in the vicissitudes and uncertainties of life, mutually appealing for a helping hand—but never appealing in vain. No two States are thus similarly situated, and if Providence has signally blessed us, we, on our part, cheerfully bear the burthen which it imposes.

“It is a glorious thing, M. W. Sir, to represent the Grand Lodge of California—the infant Hercules, or rather let me compare her to the goddess, springing fully armed and equipped from the head of imperial Jove, not Minerva-like, clothed in the panoply of grim-visaged war, but robed in the white garment of innocence, encircled in the broad mantle of Charity, going forth to battle, not with death and destruction in her train, but with healing on her wings.

“When, from the distance, indistinct and scarcely credited rumors arrived of the wonderful discoveries in our newly acquired territory, all over the land, up sprung the daring, the ambitious and the enterprising—those who never before endured hunger, exposure or fatigue, rushed across a trackless continent. Those who had never seen a ship, boldly committed themselves to the deep, or braved the perilous Isthmian passage; all bent on one common goal, all intent on reaching the land of the golden harvest.

“The journey accomplished, their destination reached, they fondly thought all danger past. Inexperienced, unprovided, in a strange country, they dreaded not the approach of the Angel of Death. Alas, too soon in their midst the pestilence stalked abroad, and many a daring spirit sunk appalled, for help there was none—ah yes, the good Masons of California were there, and nobly did they come to the rescue—their purse-strings loosened—their credit advanced—their personal exertions untiring, all freely, voluntarily bestowed on their suffering kindred, from every clime and from every

country, for Masonry knows no distinction. Into many a drooping spirit they infused new life and vitality, restoring it to health, happiness and activity, and ah, who shall say how many of those stricken souls, for whom the fiat had gone forth, far away from loved homes, far away from those most dear to them, found here brethren to smooth their pillows, to cool their parched lips, even if it were but with a cup of water, to soothe their last moments, and ere they sunk to sleep, or ere their spirits took flight to that undiscovered country, from whose bourne no traveler returns, blessed the day they first saw the 'light.'

"I fear, sir, I am trespassing on your kindness, and too long on the indulgence of the Grand Lodge; but before I conclude, let me, emboldened by your eloquent address of last evening, to which I listened with so much pleasure, let me, I say, inspired by the blessed words of PEACE which issued from your lips, venture to hope that the omen which it held forth be an auspicious augury of our future intercourse. This much I say for myself, and I may add in advance, for the Grand Lodge of California. It is not, I am aware, for others, as you justly observed, to rashly intrude upon our domestic difficulties, but, sir, it must not be forgotten, that in our hour of need we appealed to our sisters for countenance and support, nor must we too soon forget how readily both were accorded.

"A dark cloud of discord, ominous of evil, has hung like a funeral pall over our jurisdiction. Recently, and as if by magic, hovering above that cloud, has appeared a gentle entreating spirit, a spirit of concession, of forbearance and brotherly love. May it soon fully descend into our midst—in its descent and by its genial influence, dissolving the last vestige of that sable curtain. Let us, here in our midst, erect an altar, on it let us sacrifice all personal feelings, all hatred, bitterness and acrimony, and, being Masons, let us not be less than men.

"From every side is heard the sound of 'Union,' even those who are its opponents, on the present basis, reiterate the cry. Let us then at that altar, the sacred volume open before us, the square, the level and the trowel, the implements of our Craft around—Faith, Hope and Charity on our banners, emblazoned with Wisdom, Strength and Beauty, implore the Great Architect of the universe to open our eyes, give us more light, and guide us to that long sought for basis—long sought, but now I hope to be soon found. And as the welcome news of Peace and Masonic harmony within our borders is heard throughout the length and breadth of the land, all good Masons will rejoice, with an exceeding great joy, and our sister Grand Lodges, lifting up their hands, will, I doubt not, with one accord, greet us with loud hosannas and fervent prayers that our happy union may endure for all time, and forever redound to the glory and advancement of our beloved Institution."

To which the M. W. Grand Master replied as follows:—

"RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR:

"It is with no ordinary feelings of pleasure that I discharge the duty which devolves upon me, of greeting within this Grand Lodge, a representative from the Grand Lodge of California. And these pleasurable emotions are increased from the fact, that she has chosen to select from our body, one of its most esteemed Past Officers, who had already, by his faithful discharge of an onerous and responsible official duty, won for himself a reputation which reflects additional lustre upon this Grand Lodge. We welcome your return to our councils, and to the scenes of your past services and renown, and feel assured that the future, with you, will be as the brilliant past. Your credentials have been examined, and found to be in due form, and you are received and accredited as the R. W. Grand Representative of California, and will henceforth be acknowledged and respected by us accordingly.

"Nor are we less gratified in being permitted to hail a representative from the Grand Lodge of California. Her existence as an independent jurisdiction, is, in point of time, as but of yesterday, but she has already, by her sound and discreet Masonic action, by her faithful and diligent adherence to Masonic principles, and by the learning and ability of her craftsmen, taken a distinguished rank amongst the Grand Lodges of the world. And when you come to us, R. W. Sir, with words of fraternal greeting, and sentiments of brotherly love, which we believe to be in consonance with the pulsations of the heart of that great jurisdiction, they find in our own bosoms a ready and thrilling response. Happy am I to say, that the relations which have existed between our respective Grand Lodges have ever been of the most kind and cordial character, and that no cloud has arisen to shadow the brightness of our friendship. Ever may it so continue, and may the Masonic escutcheon of our young sister State ever be as pure and untarnished as the gold which glitters amidst her auriferous sands!

"But I should be ungrateful myself; I should evince ingratitude on the part of my brethren around me, did I not more distinctly and pointedly confess the great debt of gratitude which we owe to our esteemed brethren of California. I do not now allude to her prompt and ready recognition of our claims as a legitimate Grand Lodge, in a dark period of our history, but in another respect, which more nearly touches our better feel-

ing. Few of us, but what, within a few years, have had kindred and friends who were voyagers to her distant shores, lured by the prospect of the precious metals with which her soil was teeming. Many of them were there found sick and in affliction, and it was then that our California brethren proved their noble sincerity, prompted by the instincts of their own generous natures, and guided by the teachings of our institution. If a cup of cold water, administered in the proper spirit, draws down a blessing, how deserving are they who ministered like brethren of the same mother to the poor, the destitute and the suffering from our jurisdiction, literally 'supporting the drooping head and binding up the broken heart.' For these acts of unbought kindness, they deserve and will receive our hearts' best gratitude.

"We feel assured, that the system of representation, initiated by this Grand Lodge, will, as it has proved in this instance, bind our jurisdictions more closely together, and be productive of these good and happy results which its founders so fondly hoped.

"You have been pleased, R.:W.: Sir, to allude to the unhappy differences in this State, and to express the hope that peace and union may cluster beneath the wings of the cherubim which adorn our banner. These hopes and wishes meet a most cordial echo in my own breast, and as I believe, in those who surround me. Within our own jurisdiction all indeed is peace, and the peaceful triumphs of the Craft are borne as on the wings of the wind. But I do not forget that there are those within our territorial limits who are alienated from us, and whom every lover of the institution fondly desires to see clustered beneath the standard of the ark, our chosen device, if no sound principle be violated in affecting it. A peaceful, an honorable, a happy—and hence a lasting union is what we sincerely wish, and no efforts shall be wanting on our part to affect it, upon a proper basis, and in due time to enable us to reap that rich reward—the heart-felt plaudits of our brethren of California, and throughout the world.

"Be pleased R.:W.: Sir, to be seated in the East, to which we cordially invite you, and may the auspicious ceremonies of this occasion produce effects as lasting as the rock-bound continent which separates us from the Grand Lodge you represent, and as deep and tranquil as the ocean which laves its western borders."

A very excellent report upon sectarian allusions in the devotional exercises of Lodges, was presented by Bro. FINLAY M. KING; and that we subscribe to the opinions therein presented may be seen from that which we have heretofore written upon the subject of the new test which has found favor in Ohio, Texas, and one or two other Grand Lodges. An able and interesting report upon the proposition to establish a Masonic Life Insurance Company, for the purpose of creating a fund to erect and endow a Masonic Asylum, was presented by Bro. DANIEL ULLMANN; the resolutions accompanying it, in favor of the project, were adopted; and a committee of thirty-six, among which we perceive many of the best known and most distinguished members of the Grand Lodge, was appointed to carry it into effect. Bro. WM. H. DREW, the Grand Lecturer, submitted a report relative to the duties and labors of his office during the preceding year, which is the best paper upon such a subject that has ever come to our notice. It not only displays the zeal and assiduity of the diligent lecturer, but appears to give unmistakable evidence of the good scholar and accomplished gentleman—a union of qualities in such an officer upon which we heartily congratulate the Grand Lodge of New York. A valuable service of plate was presented to Past Grand Master JOSEPH D. EVANS, accompanied by a suitable address from the present Grand Master, as a testimonial of the grateful recollection in which the Grand Lodge held his two years' of faithful service as its chief; and a eulogy upon the memory of our late distinguished brother, Dr. E. K. KANE, was pronounced before that body by the Rev. Bro. E. W. ANDREWS. A resolution was adopted, authorizing the Committee on the Condition of Masonry to "receive and consider any propositions or suggestions that may be presented to them, with a view to the restoration of harmony among all who claim the Masonic name in this State," and empowering them to report thereon at this, or the next Annual Communication.

Of the seventeen District Deputy Grand Masters, thirteen presented reports, more or less satisfactory. A long and interesting report from the Masonic Board of Relief of the cities of New York and Brooklyn, at the end of its first year's labors, appears in the proceedings. From this we find that a constituency, consisting at first of fifteen Lodges only, had increased during the year to twenty-eight; that the receipts from assessments and donations for that period had been \$809; and that the disbursements amounted to \$579. The Grand Lodge appropriated the sum of \$2000, to assist the Board in its charitable operations.

Certain amendments to the Constitution were proposed by Past Grand Master EVANS, which were approved by the Grand Lodge, and which, if they shall have received the proper vote at the next Communication, will add to the membership of that body "all Past Masters, who were such on the thirty-first day of December, 1849, and who are members of a subordinate Lodge" under that jurisdiction; restricting them, however, as our own Constitution does, to one vote, collectively, for each Lodge. This is evidently done for the purpose of giving one more opportunity to the other organization to return to its proper allegiance; and, while it proposes to yield no principle which has heretofore been contended for, it offers a generous sacrifice of feeling and opinions of expediency to the hope of a final restoration of harmony. But little harm can be done by the restoration of the Past Masters up to the date named, (for those who have arrived at that rank since, or may reach it hereafter, are not to be included) with the restriction in regard to votes which we have noticed; and the amendments are accompanied with the renewed assertion that Past Masters have no inherent right to membership in a Grand Lodge, and the declaration that expediency and a fraternal desire to consult the wishes of some members of the Grand Lodge, alone have induced the proposition.

We remark the adoption of the following excellent resolution in reference to the issue of Dispensations to form new Lodges:—

"Resolved, That the first three officers named in a petition for a dispensation shall appear before the Lodge whose recommendation is constitutionally necessary, and exhibit their work in the three degrees, and if, in the judgment of said Lodge, said officers are competent to confer the degrees and impart the lectures, the said Lodge may recommend the said petitioners for a dispensation, and not otherwise."

If this law were universally in force, it would be of incalculable benefit to the Order. The Grand Secretary reports the issue of twenty-five Dispensations to open new Lodges during the year, and announces that the registry of Masons within that jurisdiction is now complete, the number being 24,670 up to the date of the last returns. The Grand Treasurer states the revenue for the year to have been \$14,753, and the expenditure \$14,586; and exhibits a balance in the treasury of \$1680, besides the Permanent Fund, now amounting to \$7000, which is invested in City Revenue Bonds. This great jurisdiction now comprises three hundred and seventy-one existing Lodges, being eighteen more than our last report exhibited. The Grand Lodge was five days in session, and the Grand Master and Grand Secretary were both reelected.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The latest intelligence we have from this Grand Lodge is contained in the proceedings of its Annual Communication commenced at the City of Raleigh, on the first day of December, 1856—the *M. W.* PLEASANT A. HOLT, Grand Master, presiding, and the *R. W.* WM. T. BAIN being Grand Secretary.

In his Address, the Grand Master recommends a trial of the system of District Deputy Grand Masters, and we perceive that the recommendation was carried into effect by the division of the State into three districts, and the appointment for each of an officer of that name, and a Grand Lecturer. He laments the embarrassments already attending the erection of "St. John's College," an institution beginning to occupy the same space in the transactions of North Carolina, that a similar one has for many years in those of Missouri; and expresses his sorrow for the many violations of Masonic duty in that jurisdiction, as shown by the numerous trials in the Lodges. He disapproves the action of the College Agent, a year or two before, who, in return for subscriptions received from northern merchants, proposed to make the proceedings of the Grand Lodge a sort of advertising medium for them, and to introduce them to the favorable notice of the Fraternity in that State; and suggests that the money thus received be refunded, and that "blot be erased" from their transactions. Yet, while thus expressing his disapproval of that act, he condemns, in words but too mild for the occasion, the language employed in regard to it some time since by Bro. WALLACE, of Iowa. He urges upon the Lodges the collection of libraries; and gives a decided opinion in favor of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Canada, which was afterwards endorsed by the action of the Grand Lodge.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. WILLIAM C. DOUB. It does not pretend to give any review of the proceedings of other Grand Lodges, but briefly descants upon a few topics which were thought most deserving of attention in that jurisdiction, and which appear to be well chosen and well treated.

We are not much surprised at the violations of law over which the Grand Master grieves, when we observe that the Grand Lodge itself virtually commends the infraction of its own ordinances. The Committee on Charters and Dispensations, in a notice of sundry irregularities, among others report the following:—"Pine Grove Lodge (U. D.) has fallen into the unmasonic practice of receiving petitions, balloting for the candidates, initiating, passing, and raising, *at the same meeting*, which we believe to be the main reason why there are so many ignorant craftsmen in our midst!" A very safe conclusion, beyond all doubt. They also add, in relation to the by-laws of the same Lodge, that "the thirteenth article requires a brother casting a black ball, to make known to the Master his objections to the applicant!" Yet to this Lodge, so ignorant of the commonest and best known usages of Masonry, and of the laws of its own superior, the committee recommended a Charter in the usual summary style, and a Charter was granted accordingly!

A resolution was adopted instructing the Committee on Foreign Correspondence "to correspond with the Grand Lodges of the other States, and get their opinions as to the propriety of holding a Convention, to be composed of delegates from each Grand Lodge, in order that uniformity of work in the United States may be had." The Grand Treasurer's report exhibits a revenue for the year of \$1691, and an expenditure of \$1725, with a balance of \$325 in the treasury. One hundred and twenty-six Lodges now exist in North Carolina, the number having been increased by ten since our last review. The Communication continued five days, and the Grand Master and Grand Secretary were both reelected.

OHIO.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio for the year 1857, was commenced at the town of Masillon, on the twentieth day of October—the R. W. MEREDITH D. BROCK, Deputy Grand Master, presiding, and the R. W. JOHN D. CALDWELL being Grand Secretary.

The Address of the Grand Master, the M. W. B. F. SMITH, was read by the presiding officer. In it he regrets that changes in his private business had made it necessary for him to leave the State before his term of office had expired, and would render it uncertain when he should return; but he presents a detailed statement of his official acts to the period of his departure. He announces the division of the jurisdiction into six districts, as previously directed by the Grand Lodge, and the appointment of a District Deputy Grand Master in each; and expresses much satisfaction at the result, thus far, of their labors. The title of these officers was subsequently changed to that of District Lecturers. He states that but little has been heard of itinerant lecturers since these appointments, and indulges the hope that "when our Masonic journalists shall cease to use the word 'regalia,' introduced probably by these itinerant lights, and fall back on the simple but Masonic term, 'clothing,' their teaching will soon be forgotten and their innovations discarded." He reports the issue by him of three Dispensations to form new Lodges; and, in regard to dispensations of another kind, uses the following sensible language:—

"During the recess of the Grand Lodge, I have had several applications to make Masons at sight, but in all cases I have declined exercising the high powers conferred upon the Grand Master by our Constitution. I can hardly conceive of an emergency that would, in my judgment, warrant or justify the exercise of a power so dangerous and so liable to be abused when conferred on one man; and I am sorry that it is recognized by our Constitution."

The Deputy Grand Master also presented a report of his doings as Acting Grand Master, in which, among other things, he announces the issue of four Dispensations to establish new Lodges, recommends the publication of decisions of the Grand Master, and notices the now finished reprint of the transactions of that Grand Lodge from its organization in 1808 to 1847. This is a valuable volume

of six hundred and sixty-four pages, and we take the occasion to express our thanks for the copy which has been forwarded to the Grand Lodge of California, and our hope that a similar republication of our own earlier proceedings, which was sent to the Grand Secretary of Ohio in September last, may have reached its destination. It was ordered that the work be continued by the reprint of the transactions since 1847, in a like volume. When this shall be completed, the Grand Lodge of Ohio will probably be the only one in the United States which can present a complete published record of its acts for an entire period of fifty years.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is, as stated by the writers, the joint production of Bros. W. B. THRALL and GEO. R. MORTON, and this fact is offered as an apology for some incongruities of opinion which appear upon its pages. Though our brethren of Ohio have not wasted much compliment upon their notice of our last communication to the Grand Lodge of California, we deem it due to them, and to truth, to say that the report now before us is one of the best we have seen for many a day. We do not mean that all its opinions are the most sound, or all its arguments the most convincing, as weighed in the humble scale of our own poor understanding, for with some of them we have no sympathy; but it gives evidence of a careful and laborious examination of the publications of other bodies; presents a judiciously selected *resumé* of their most important transactions, without recourse to that easy instrument for compilation—scissors; and comments freely and intelligently upon such portions of them as appeared to invite approval or condemnation. Considerable space is given to a review of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge at its last Communication, and much commendation is bestowed upon the Address of Grand Master HOWARD presented at that time. The Masonic Board of Relief of the City of San Francisco is spoken of in terms of the highest praise, and some of the most important facts set forth in its report for the year 1856, are presented at length by the committee.

Bros. THRALL and MORTON are somewhat facetious over our disapproval of that modern dogma of Ohio, which they say we “semi-seriously style the ‘new test’ introduced” by that Grand Lodge. We assure our funny brethren that we never called anything by its proper name more seriously, and had as little idea of any attempt to be jocose upon that subject as they appear to have had success in theirs. But for considerable strength of constitution, we might have been rendered somewhat nervous at learning that the courteous and unpretending expression of opinion in our last report, contained matters so explosive as “ammunition,” “magazines,” and things which “fulminated;” and was moreover assisted by “artillery” and a “fusillade!” Under this dangerous and detonating state of circumstances, all un contemplated as it was by us, we heartily join our Ohio brethren in congratulating their Grand Lodge that it is not much hurt by these “vigorous assaults of its anti-biblical opponents.” Yet we beg them not to believe that the last named adjective properly applies to us; and we take the occasion to say that their reading of the very paragraph which seems to have given them such great concern, should have taught them that it does not. We were not expressing any *anti-biblical* opinion, but were only endeavoring to point out where the Grand Lodge of Ohio had enacted that which appeared to us a most *anti-masonic* one. Our faith “in the Divine Authenticity of the Holy Scriptures,” as given under both dispensations, is probably as implicit as that of the Ohio committee; yet, for all that, we do not believe in the innovation upon the time-honored usages and ancient charges of our Order, which requires of a candidate to make that declaration. Can the Jew make it? Can the Mahometan? And yet are they not both,—believing in the existence of God, as our ancient law prescribes—eligible candidates for the mysteries of Masonry? As our brethren of Ohio have thought it proper to give a lecture to another committee of this Grand Lodge upon the subject of “treading down landmarks,” because they, with the Grand Lodge, preferred to see Masters elected from among competent brethren, rather than from perhaps incompetent Wardens, we take the liberty of asking what they have done with that ancient landmark “Concerning God and Religion,” in which among other things it is laid down that Masons are to be obliged only “to that religion in which all men agree, leaving their particular opinions to themselves; that is, to be good men and true, or men of honor and honesty, by whatever denominations or persuasions they may be distinguished?” In Ohio,

if the new regulation has any meaning, none but those professing the Christian religion can now be admitted to the Order. With all becoming reverence for its holy precepts, and faithful reliance upon its saving doctrines, we cannot refrain from suggesting the proposition that to require an applicant to sign a pledge of total abstinence, or declare himself a member of the democratic party, would not be more utterly at variance with the old and well established regulations of the Craft.

In relation to our opinions upon the qualifications for mastership in a Lodge, our good brethren of Ohio do our logical abilities too much honor. "We feel no disposition," say they, "to enter the lists with one who can 'chop logic' so skillfully as Bro. ABELL, but hand him over to Bro. HOWARD, for reformation. The Grand Master (Bro. HOWARD) convinced *himself* that he was wrong on this question, and we have no doubt but that he can do the same with the Grand Secretary without aid from us." To this we can only say, that men not unfrequently convince themselves with far greater facility than they can bring conviction to the minds of others; and that the simple quoting of one portion of an old charge, (with which we probably were quite as familiar as our esteemed brother,) separate from the context which is widely different, was not an argument so conclusive to our mind as it would seem the Ohio committee think it ought to have been. Our disapproval of the regulation of Ohio, which authorises expulsion for the non-payment of dues, meets with little favor. After stating the usage in this jurisdiction in such case—to strike the delinquent from the roll of membership—it is inquired, "In effect, in what does the one punishment differ from the other?" To which we answer, in this—that the first, being the punishment inflicted for the worst violations of the moral or Masonic law, is a lasting disgrace to its recipient, and is too severe a penalty for the lesser offence of refusing to pay certain dollars which he ought; while the second, graduated to the sin, places him simply in the position of a non-affiliated Mason, not entitled, either for himself or family, to any of the privileges, benefits or charities of the Lodges, but leaving it in his power at any time to restore himself to those rights by removing the cause which had deprived him of them. Punishments should be meted out with some reference to the character of the offence, and as we do not suppose that the non-payment of dues is the highest crime known to Masonic jurisprudence, we are not willing to see it punished as if it were. Upon reading further in the report, we find our own opinions expressed in that portion which reviews the proceedings of the District of Columbia—one instance of the incongruities mentioned in its commencement. A word more to correct an error in a name which the Ohio committee have fallen into, and we have done with that portion of their report which relates to California. The "tilt of the pen" of which they speak, in alluding to our notice of the Oregon committee last year, was not with Bro. AINSWORTH, who was in no wise referred to, and who was the Grand Master of the Territory at that time, but with Bro. STARK, the present Grand Master, who was then Grand Secretary, and chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. We are not surprised that our well-informed brethren of Ohio present some exclamation points after remarking that the Grand Lodge of Oregon sustained his action when, as Master of Willamette Lodge, he assumed the power to suspend a Mason by his own unaided edict!

A case in Georgia is quoted, where Bro. ROCKWELL, one of the Deputy Grand Masters, decided that "it was the duty of a Master of a Lodge, on request, to attend the remains of a departed brother to the grave, and perform the ceremonies of the Order, *no matter what his religious belief in life might have been.*" This is approved by the Ohio committee somewhat to our surprise—not that we doubt the entire propriety of the decision, but because this approval of it seems little in consonance with the strictly Christian limits which now appear to circumscribe Free Masonry in Ohio. They appear to doubt, however, whether Bro. ROCKWELL was equally correct in denying the right of certain brethren to attend a funeral "in Masonic costume, as individuals," when a Lodge was not called out. It seems to us that he was, and that it is a good rule to be governed by, that Masonic clothing should only be worn when its owners are called to appear by the proper Masonic authority. Some very excellent comments are made upon the proposed new regulation in Indiana, by which Masters of Lodges, and the Grand Master, too are made subject to trial by the Lodges to which they respectively belong; and the impropriety and probable impracticability of enforcing such an ordi-

nance is well set forth. A good-humored reproof is administered to Grand Master REES, of Kansas, for the advocacy, in one of his addresses, of those puerile excrescences upon Freemasonry, called "side degrees"; and, quoting the language of an ancient Scottish Elder, in reference to a certain passage in the Old Testament, they say, "If it had been the Lord's will, that might ha' been left out." Another opinion is expressed, which of itself would mark the fact, even were it unannounced, that two pens had been employed in the preparation of the report. Several resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee are quoted, among which is one declaring that a candidate shall not be required to express "a belief in a future state of rewards and punishments"; and all, including this, are correctly regarded as sound decisions, "and in accordance with Masonic law and usage." Yet, how can this opinion of the committee be reconciled with the new test in Ohio, which is still broader in its requirement than that ignored by Tennessee, or with the views advanced by themselves in a preceding portion of the document before us? There is much more in this long report, (some fifty pages of solid brevity) which it would give us pleasure to notice had we the time to bestow upon it. Suffice it further to say that while it contains a few ideas which differ from our own, it presents very many which we heartily approve; and *we* have not felt any alarm at its length, as a paper so well prepared can hardly be too long.

The financial report exhibits a revenue for the year of \$8679, and an expenditure of \$9182, with a balance of \$6792 remaining in the treasury. A resolution was adopted recognizing the Grand Lodge of Canada. Two hundred and forty-nine chartered Lodges and three under dispensation now exist in Ohio. The Grand Lodge was five days in session, during which the *M. W.*: HORACE M. STOKES was elected Grand Master, and the *R. W.*: JOHN D. CALDWELL was reelected Grand Secretary.

OREGON.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Territory of Oregon for the year 1857, was commenced at the Town of Salem, on the eighth day of June—the *M. W.*: A. M. BELT, Grand Master, presiding, and the *R. W.*: WM. S. CALDWELL being Grand Secretary.

The Address of the Grand Master is a comparatively brief, but well written paper. He notices the adoption, by himself and the Grand Lecturers authorized by the Grand Lodge, of the work in use in this State; and in regard to it expresses the flattering opinion that "none better can be found in any other Grand Lodge jurisdiction." He mentions the case of a Master elect of a Lodge, "upon whom the Past Masters of this (that) jurisdiction refused to confer the degree of Past Master, inasmuch as his vocation was deemed incompatible with a faithful and correct discharge of the responsible duties of Master;" and states that, approving their refusal, instead of installing him, he requested the former Master to continue in office until the meeting of the Grand Lodge. It does not appear what the objectionable calling was, but, presuming that it was disreputable, credit is due to the Past Masters and the Grand Master for their jealous care of the reputation of the Order. He announces the issue of three Dispensations to form new Lodges, and informs the Grand Lodge that he had displaced the Master of Willamette Lodge, No. 2, having learned "that he had previously been suspended in a sister jurisdiction." He recommends that such action shall be taken "as shall make it imperative on the subordinate Lodges to prevent any of their members from engaging in the dishonorable employment of selling intoxicating drinks;" and at a later period the Grand Lodge adopted a resolution subjecting to punishment any Mason who may be "engaged in the *retail* sale and traffic of intoxicating liquors." Why punish the retailers especially, and give immunity to the larger dealers? We have spoken of similar resolutions in our previous reports; and without any further expression of our opinion as to the inexpediency of such enactments, we cannot refrain from suggesting some admiration at that peculiar system of jurisprudence which scourges petty larceny, and lets "flat burglary" go unwhipped of justice.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is presented by a committee of which Bro. J. C. AINSWORTH is Chairman. Though contained in but few pages, it is much the best we have ever seen from our neighbors of the North, and we are

happy to perceive that the writer, *not* treading in the footsteps of his predecessor, considers it not altogether without the sphere of "the legitimate duty" of such a committee, to review and comment upon the proceedings of other Grand Lodges. Two excellent resolutions were presented and adopted, one forbidding the reception of a petition for initiation from any one who has not resided one year in the jurisdiction—the other prohibiting advancement until after examination and exhibition of proficiency in the preceding degree in open Lodge. Both these propositions are in force in California; and we commend to favorable consideration another enactment of our Oregon brethren in relation to the duties of committees appointed to investigate the character of an applicant for admission, which declares it not a sufficient report that nothing is found *against* him, but demands that they shall give some information as to his "standing and qualifications." A well-devised inducement is held out to the Lodges to furnish themselves with the "Universal Masonic Library," by an order that those who present proof to the Grand Secretary that it has been procured, "shall be annually credited and allowed ten per cent. of the amount of their annual dues, until the whole expense thereby incurred shall have been reimbursed."

It seems a settled principle of action with the Grand Lodge of Oregon that Masters of Lodges possess the plenary power of suspension, as appears by the following enactment:—

"*Resolved*, That the suspension of T. H. A. STURM, an Entered Apprentice, by the W. M. of *Harmony* Lodge, No. 12, be and the same is hereby made perpetual."

Our opinions upon this novel exercise of power have been expressed heretofore, and as some of our brethren in the North are a little tender upon that point, we present the legislation without comment. The Grand Treasurer's report shows the receipts for the year to have been \$1074, and the disbursements \$995, leaving a balance of \$79 in the treasury. Besides this there is an Educational Fund which now amounts to the sum of \$2763. Sixteen chartered Lodges and two under dispensation are now borne upon the register, being six more than we chronicled last year. The Communication continued five days, the M. W. BENJAMIN STARK being elected Grand Master, and the R. W. WILLIAM S. CALDWELL reelected Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA.

¶ Our latest intelligence from this Grand Lodge is contained in a pamphlet presenting extracts from the proceedings at a Quarterly Communication held on the first day of December, 1856; at an Extra Quarterly Meeting on the fifteenth day of the same month; and at the Annual Communication on the Day of St. John the Evangelist in that year—at all of which the R. W. PETER WILLIAMSON, Grand Master, presided, and the R. W. WILLIAM H. ADAMS was Grand Secretary, and at the first of which both those officers were reelected.

At the Annual Communication, the Grand officers were installed and the Grand Master presented an Address. It is interesting, doubtless, within his jurisdiction, being devoted altogether to an itinerary of Grand Visitations to sundry Lodges therein, and to notices of a few other purely domestic matters. One thing only we note as a peculiarity of the Masonic system in Pennsylvania. He states that he has granted fourteen dispensations to "E. P. and Raise," eleven to "Pass and Raise," four to "Raise," and one hundred and seventy-nine to "Pass the Chair"! This last is essentially a Pennsylvanian usage—obtaining nowhere else that we have ever heard of—and to this day its meaning is something of a mystery to us, though we have a confused idea that it means the pretence of making Past Masters of those who have no business in such a position.

A Report on Foreign Correspondence—the first we have ever seen from this Grand Lodge—is presented by Bro. WILLIAM BADGER. We hail this beginning as an earnest that the ancient and respectable Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania does not intend hereafter to be so "insular, exclusive and peculiar" as, with some justice, the Foreign Correspondence Committee of New York has declared it. A great part of the report is occupied by a reply to that committee, in language courteous, temperate, and fraternal; yet all this cannot remove our first opinion that it was insulting to the Grand Lodge of New York when Pennsylvania proposed to place that body upon an equality with an organization of a few rebel

lions Lodges within her borders, by offering to act as umpire between the two. The Pennsylvania committee take some credit to their Grand Lodge for having maintained a "neutrality" between the bodies which they have chosen to consider as equally entitled to consideration—or lack of it. So far from credit being due for this, it seems to us that therein lies the "head and front of their offending," for not only does it offer an indignity to the Grand Lodge of New York, which all the known Masonic world has recognized—save Pennsylvania alone—but it is indirectly affronting to all those who have readily accorded that recognition, as they cannot but see in this "neutrality" of Pennsylvania an encouragement to the rebellion which their united efforts have been given to put down. Nor do we think that the Pennsylvania committee have proved that their "neutral" position was "fortunate," by quoting from that portion of the Address of the Grand Master of Virginia, relative to his presence at the dedication of the new Hall in Philadelphia, in September, 1855. "Had there been," they quote, "an indiscriminate admission of all hailing from that jurisdiction, (New York) of whatever organization, I, as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, could not have united with them." Not only the known action of this last Grand Lodge, but a little further reading of the Address, was amply sufficient to show to what organizations the "indiscriminate admissions" alluded; and, if we remember right, the Grand Master's own language, had the committee quoted more, made it plainly evident that *he* did not esteem it "fortunate" that this discourtesy was offered to the Grand Lodge of New York. We almost feel it unamiable to present these few remarks after reading the brief but very flattering notice which is given by Bro. BADGER to our Grand Lodge and to ourselves; and we leave the subject with the expression of our earnest hope that ere long the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will abandon its present position in regard to New York, if only in deference to the unanimous opinion of its Masonic peers.

The financial reports show the receipts for the year to have been \$39,782, of which \$20,736 was for the sale or rental of property; and an expenditure of \$37,722, of which \$23,792 was for account of building and furnishing the new Hall—leaving \$3188 in the treasury. The total cost of the erection of this Masonic Temple, exclusive of the value of the land, was \$183,328, and the Grand Lodge is now indebted for loans from twenty-eight of its subordinates, and other Masonic bodies and individuals, to aid in its completion, in the round sum of \$151,000. Fourteen District Deputy Grand Masters, nine Grand Chaplains, and thirty Stewards of the Girard Charity Fund were appointed; but, as usual, no information is given relative to the number of Lodges in the State.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Our last information from the Grand Lodge of this State is to the twenty-seventh day of December, 1856. The publication before us contains the transactions at four Quarterly and three Special Communications held during the year, and at the Annual Communication and Grand Feast on the day of St. John the Evangelist—all in the City of Charleston, and at all of which, with one exception, the M. W. ALFRED PRICE, Grand Master, presided, and the W. ALBERT G. MACKEY, Grand Secretary, was present.

It does not appear to be the custom in this ancient Body for the Grand Master to present an Address, as is now the general usage elsewhere in the United States. At the Quarterly Meeting in March, Bro. A. G. MACKEY reported a code of by-laws for the government of the subordinate Lodges, which was adopted; and it was ordered that thereafter all the Lodges be advised to conform substantially to the formula thus presented. It is more extended than the uniform code now in general use in this jurisdiction, but the principal and most important propositions it embodies are in effect the same as in our own. An amendment to the Regulations was adopted, which requires every candidate, who shall receive the degrees by virtue of a dispensation from the Grand Master, to pay the sum of \$50 in addition to the regular fee, one half of which additional fee is to go to the Treasury of the Grand Lodge. Whether this was expected to aid the revenue, or intended to check the issue of such dispensations, we know not. If the last, as is most probable, it is, in our opinion, a very excellent amendment; though, for the better assurance that the object would be effected, it is unlucky that the first propo-

sition — to make the fee \$100 — was not adopted. Among the decisions of the Grand Lodge we find the following:—

“That the fact of being under charges does not exclude a Mason from the privilege of preferring charges against another;” and

“That charges cannot be preferred against the presiding officer (though he be only a Warden) to the Lodge, while he occupies the chair and exercises the functions of Master.”

Of the correctness of both these propositions we have no doubt, and we give place to them here only because we have reason to think that there are a few within our own jurisdiction who labor under the error of opinions adverse to them.

At the Quarterly Communication in December, Bro. **MACKEY**, the Grand Secretary, presented one of his usual excellent and interesting reports upon the condition of Masonry among the jurisdictions corresponding with that Grand Lodge.

“In the performance of this laborious but pleasing task,” says he, “I have with each revolving year been cheered by the continued prospect of prosperity among the craft, and the rapidly growing diffusion of Masonic intelligence, and consequent usefulness, in every jurisdiction. The published proceedings of the Grand Lodges of the present day, compared with those emanating from the same bodies thirty, or even twenty years ago, conclusively demonstrate that Masonry has at length taken its place among the scientific developments of the day, and, that while it retains its social and practical character, it has added to it the more elevated one of a philosophical institution. It may, I think, be now indeed said that the golden age of Masonry has begun. If the scene it now presents, at early dawn, be so enticing, what must we not expect when the full blaze of its meridian splendor shall, in time not far distant, burst upon us.”

We perceive that Bro. **MACKEY** has the temerity to disagree somewhat with the distinguished chairman of the Oregon committee of 1856, in relation to the proper duties of a Committee on Foreign Correspondence. He (Bro. **MACKEY**) is of the opinion, which we now for the fourth year have endeavored to exemplify, that such committees were really intended for some useful purpose; and he does not seem to consider it an unpardonable sin to question the “decisions of Grand Masters,” nor a very diabolical heresy to “intimate doubts of the wisdom, propriety, and regularity” of the action of Grand Lodges “upon questions carefully considered and solemnly adjudged.” In our last report, and in previous ones, our own poor ideas upon this subject were presented, but we have been made miserable by learning from our esteemed brother of Oregon how very much we were in the wrong. Upon the principle conveyed in the old adage that “misery loves company,” we feel an unamiable pleasure at finding Bro. **MACKEY** guilty of our own rebellious deviation from the “sound views” entertained by our Territorial brother.

“Committees on Correspondence,” says Bro. **MACKEY**, “are the links which bind the Grand Lodges into one united whole in the pursuit of knowledge; they are the guardians appointed by their respective bodies to inform their constituents what has been the progress of the institution for the past year—to warn them of the errors in discipline or in Masonic science which they may suppose to have been committed—and to suggest the best method by which these errors may be avoided or amended. The proceedings of Grand Lodges are never printed for purposes of sale or of general distribution; the number of copies published is always small; and it is physically impossible that a knowledge of their contents can ever reach the mass of the fraternity, except through the condensed reports of foreign correspondence. These committees, therefore, perform but the duty to which they were appointed, when they report the doings and sayings of other jurisdictions; nor can they be denied the common right of expressing their opinions on the nature and tendency of the facts as they relate them. Grand Masters are not infallible, and Grand Lodges are not always correct in their decisions. If, therefore, a Committee on Correspondence should simply detail the various acts and opinions of all the Grand Bodies with which their own is in correspondence, nor make one deprecatory remark, calling attention to what they might suppose violations of laws or landmarks, the heterogeneous and discordant doctrines which every year are presented to the Masonic world, would be placed before the fraternity without commentary, leaving the most ignorant to form their own often erroneous conclusions, and sometimes to confound the mere extract from a foreign opinion by the Committee, with an endorsement by that Committee of its correctness. It is then a part of the duty of a Committee on Correspondence to review the proceedings of other jurisdictions, to point out what they sup-

pose to be errors, and to warn their own constituency against adopting them. The Committees are, no doubt, like the bodies they are reviewing, sometimes wrong; but if the discussions of Masonic points of law are conducted temperately, calmly, judiciously, and above all, fraternally, much good must arise from this contest of mind. As the collision of flint and steel will generate fire, so truth must be elicited from the collision of varying intellects. I cannot hesitate to believe that for much of the elevated standard that the Masonry of this day and country has assumed, and for the general diffusion of knowledge on the subject of Masonic jurisprudence, the craft are indebted to the well-conducted discussions of our various committees on foreign correspondence."

We acknowledge the compliment paid us by Bro. MACKAY by his large quotation from, and his flattering comments upon a portion of our report of 1856, which related also to this subject of Foreign Correspondence. It is no flattery to one whose reputation for Masonic learning is so well established as his, to say that we read commendation from such a quarter with no little pleasure, and do not consider it an unbecoming vanity to record it. He closes his report with a retrospective view of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, and contrasts its condition when, fourteen years before, he was elected Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer, with its present one. Then there were but ten Lodges in the State, seven of which were in the City of Charleston. Now there are sixty-four, "and with the increase of numbers has come a corresponding change in the character of the institution." Then the entire stock of Masonic literature within the jurisdiction "consisted of Dalcho's Ahiman Rezon and Cross's Chart." Now the works of most of the eminent Masonic writers are familiarly known—are read and studied. And he declares that all that is now wanting to place that Grand Lodge in its proper position among the similar Masonic bodies of the Union, is a proper reform in its organization,—its present Constitution, "however it may have been excused when the Masonry of the State was principally concentrated in the city of Charleston, being totally unfitted to the government of a jurisdiction whose large majority of constituents reside in the country." He thinks, and so do we, that the whole system of proxies should be abolished. Grand Lodges are the successors of those General Assemblies of Freemasons formerly held,—become so from the same necessity for having a representative body, rather than a mass convention of all its constituents, which exists in political, religious, and all other institutions. They are the legislatures of Freemasonry, and should be composed of the representatives of the Freemasons, and not of substitutes appointed by those representatives. The Master and Wardens of a Lodge, by virtue of their offices, are the proper representatives of the Lodge in the Grand Lodge, for that, among other things, is, or should be had in view when they are elected to those stations. If it happen that one or two of them can not or do not perform this portion of the duty which by their election has been assigned to him or them, the remaining one or two who does or do discharge it, should succeed to all the representative capacity of the absent portion of the delegation; and if all fail to attend, a delegate should be elected by the Lodge. In short, it is the *Lodge* which is to be represented, and not its officers.

Bro. MACKAY announces his intention to devote the remaining years of his life to the accomplishment of these reforms in that body of which he is such a shining ornament; and he has already commenced his labors by the introduction of numerous amendments to the Constitution, which appear to be intended to divest it of its local and metropolitan character, and to make it no longer the Grand Lodge of the City of Charleston, but the Grand Lodge of the State of South Carolina. The financial reports exhibit a revenue for the year amounting to \$5919, and an expenditure of \$5796, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$376. There were in existence, at the close of the Annual Communication, sixty-five chartered Lodges, and one under dispensation, being an increase of five since our last report. At the quarterly meeting in December, 1856, the Grand Master and Grand Secretary were both reelected.

T E N N E S S E E.

The forty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee was commenced in the City of Nashville, on the fifth day of October, 1857—the *M. W.*: THOMAS McCULLOCH, Grand Master, presiding, and the *R. W.*: C. A. FULLER being Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's Address is very short—congratulating his brethren upon the large representation present—urging upon them great care in the admission of candidates, and a strict obedience to the moral law—and announcing the issue of six Dispensations to form new Lodges during the year.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. C. A. FULLER, the Grand Secretary. He has no faith in the utility of such a convention of delegates from all the American Grand Lodges as that which we have noticed as proposed by North Carolina, nor have we. He is opposed to the issue of dispensations for so-called “emergent cases,” and we entertain the same feeling of opposition. But he rather leans to the new Christian qualification of Ohio, and in that direction we are not inclined at all. He says it is no *new test*. Was it the one propounded to Bro. FULLER at his initiation? or has he ever heard it proposed in Tennessee? If not, will not this addition to the only article of faith which during all his Masonic life he has heard required, be something *new*? An opinion adverse to the legitimacy of the Grand Lodge of Canada is presented, and considerable space is given to extracts from the proceedings of this Grand Lodge. In connection with this last, we note a correction which he makes of a mistake in our last report, wherein, owing to an error in the publication of Tennessee for 1856, we named Bro. WILKINS TANNEHILL as the writer of the report on Foreign Correspondence, instead of the proper author, Bro. JOHN FRIZZELL.

A resolution was adopted requiring the Grand Secretary thereafter to prepare the report on Foreign Correspondence. The financial reports show the receipts for the year to have been \$4287, and the expenditures \$2199; and there remained in the treasury \$3708, besides \$6346, which had been appropriated, but not yet used, to aid in building a Masonic Hall. One hundred and ninety-four Lodges now appear upon the record, being six more than our last report presented. The Grand Lodge was five days in session, and the Grand Master and Grand Secretary were both reelected.

TEXAS.

The twentieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas was commenced at the town of Palestine, on the nineteenth day of January, 1857—the M. W. F. B. SEXTON, Grand Master, presiding, and the R. W. A. S. RUTHVEN being Grand Secretary.

The Address of the Grand Master is of more than ordinary length, and of very much more than ordinary ability. It is refreshing to see occasionally a well written paper of this kind, and we wish that we could more frequently find that pleasure in reading Masonic messages which we have experienced in the perusal of this. The decease of two distinguished Past Grand Masters of that jurisdiction, Bros. JAMES WEBB and BRANCH T. ARCHER, is appropriately announced, and an eloquent tribute is given to their memory. A prohibition of itinerant lecturing is recommended, and, as will hereafter be seen, the Grand Lodge adopted a resolution to carry the suggestion into effect. Several pages are devoted to the details of his official action in regard to the delinquencies, or alleged delinquencies, of sundry Lodges; and we mention this only for the purpose of saying that this is one of the very few instances we have seen where such merely domestic matters are presented in a manner so attractive as to make them interesting to the foreign reader. One of these cases, however, was of more than ordinary importance,—affecting in its decision, not alone the jurisdiction of Texas, but the whole body of the Fraternity. It arose from the act of a Lodge in conferring the three degrees of Masonry upon a man who avowed that he “did not believe the Bible to be the revealed will of God,” nor “that God had ever made any revelation of his will to man”; and it elicited a long and interesting argument from the Grand Master upon the question whether a candidate should, or should not be required to express a belief that the Bible is of Divine origin. In it he shows conclusively that in all *Christian* lands the Scriptures have ever held the most prominent consideration in a Lodge, and that (in such countries) a Mason's belief in its contents (or some portion of them) is necessarily to be inferred. But he adds:—

“It can not, I think, be successfully claimed that a Mason of the three symbolic degrees must necessarily admit the Divine authority of the New Testament, or the truth of

the numerous religious doctrines which are deduced from it by as many religious sects. I think this clear, because I do not believe that there is any portion of the history, lectures, ceremonies, teachings, or usages of Ancient Craft Masonry, which can not be fully explained, understood, and practiced without reference to the New Testament."

Now this, so far as it relates to our own country, coincides with our own opinion. Our principal objection to the Ohio doctrine is, that it requires the expression of a belief in *all* the Scriptures, both Old and New, and thus absolutely limits Freemasonry to the professors of the Christian faith; but our general objection to the whole proposition is that it introduces a test which for ages has not been considered necessary, and which, by connecting Masonry with particular religions, will result in the destruction of that universality which is now, and has ever been its most important and useful characteristic. The Grand Master expresses the opinion that Lodges have multiplied with too great rapidity in Texas, and presents a picture of some of them which fully justifies the declaration. He declares his conviction that the system of District Deputy Grand Masters is a most useful one; presents some very sensible suggestions in regard to that great desideratum—uniformity of work; and announces the issue of ten Dispensations to form new Lodges. To these are to be added five more issued by the Deputy Grand Master.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is presented by Bro. WM. STEDMAN, the Grand Master elect at this Communication. It needed not the apologetic introduction with which it commences, for, (and we say it at the risk of being again charged by our brethren in Texas with the expression of opinions *ex cathedra*) there are few better ones to be met. He, too, writes at considerable length in approval of the Ohio test, but as he says he speaks only of *Christian* Masonry, leaving the inference,—in fact absolutely arguing—that there is no other real Masonry, we have naught to offer in reply. We *do* know one essentially Christian Order of Masonry, but to that Masonry of the symbolic degrees which these reports alone refer to, we acknowledge no particular religious or sectarian prefix. It is possible that by-and-by we may hear of Episcopalian, Methodist, and Baptist Masonry, and that, at a still later period, further discriminating distinctions may be known under the appropriate heads of High and Low Church Masonry,—Methodist Masonry, North and South,—and Baptist Masonry of both the Hard and Soft shell varieties. It is to be hoped that it may not be so, but the late remarkable discovery that Masonry, without knowing it, has been so irreligious during many centuries, may engender further new and yet more singular ones, until, in the fulness of time, the apparently absurd possibilities which we have suggested shall be brought to light. At the conclusion of his argument upon this subject, Bro. STEDMAN proposed the following resolution:—

"That the Grand Lodge of Texas declares that a distinct avowal of a belief in the Divine authenticity of the Holy Scriptures is an indispensable pre-requisite to Masonic admission in all Christian countries; and that it shall not be lawful, within her jurisdiction, to initiate, pass, or raise a person who does not entertain that belief."

This was referred to the committee upon the Grand Officers' Reports, who reported in its stead another resolution, which was adopted by the Grand Lodge, as follows:—

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Texas declares that a belief in the Divine authenticity of the Holy Scriptures is an indispensable pre-requisite to Masonic admission; and the Grand Lodge does not mean to exclude the Israelite, whom it does not regard as disqualified for the mysteries of Freemasonry."

Now the intent of this resolution is obvious. The Grand Lodge had apparently adopted the conclusion of the Grand Master, that a belief in the Divine origin of the Old Testament alone was necessary, and it was doubtless intended to enact that proposition. With no desire to look unnecessarily for faults in the legislation of our esteemed sister of Texas, and with every sentiment of respect and courtesy, we ask if it so reads. The first sentence of the resolution imperatively declares that a belief in the Divine authority of both the Testaments is requisite—for the term "the Holy Scriptures" includes the two; while the concluding portion proceeds with a copulative conjunction to assert that such a

belief in both is *not* in all cases to be required! There appears to be a sliding scale of qualification. A Christian must subscribe to both the Testaments—a Jew to only one. By the same tariff of creeds, we see no reason why a Turk should be required to pretend a belief in either. All believe in God, and we see no reason to alter our opinion that all, thus believing, who, in the language of the first Old Charge, are “good men and true, or men of honor and honesty, by whatever denominations or persuasions they may be distinguished,” are eligible candidates for the mysteries of Masonry; for it is by this means, in the words of the same charge, that “Masonry becomes the centre of union, and the means of conciliating true friendship among persons that must else have remained at a perpetual distance.”

The language of the Texan committee in regard to the Grand Lodge of California is flattering in the extreme. “The proceedings before us,” say the committee, “contain abundant evidence that no Grand Lodge in the world is graced with a higher order of talent, a more thorough familiarity with Masonic law and philosophy, and a juster appreciation of Masonic behest and obligation, than that which distinguishes our sister jurisdiction of California”; and our own humble but zealous labors are spoken of in terms too complimentary to be repeated here. Yet while our natural modesty forbids us to mention the good things said of us, a proper humility requires that we should note and profit by such censure as it may appear to our brethren abroad that we have deserved. In the midst of many kind expressions it is remarked by Bro. STEDMAN, that “it is to be regretted that Bro. ABELL, by sometimes assuming an *ex cathedra* tone, and at others, by the use of some cant phrase, or inelegant expression, should break the force and weaken the influence of one of the most learned, profound, and logical Masonic papers that it has been our good fortune to meet with.” As to the first charge, it may be true, and if it is, we regret it. When, in 1855, we commenced the preparation of the reports on Foreign Correspondence to the Grand Lodge of California, we had very little personal experience in Masonic matters, and naught to guide us but an attentive reading of one of the best collections of Masonic works in the United States, and such common sense and powers of reasoning as nature and education had afforded us. With great distrust, therefore, in our own conclusions, we endeavored to present such opinions as, from these sources, we had formed, in the suggestive and deferential manner which properly befitted our inexperience and unknown name. This course we have ever intended to continue, not only because it best became our comparatively limited and imperfect knowledge of the subjects upon which we write, but because we are well aware that a good argument or correct opinion may frequently be diminished in its force or destroyed in its effect, when presented in a manner offensively arrogant or positive. We had hoped not to fall into this too common error, but as it seems we have, we can only express our sorrow, and in all sincerity, promise Bro. STEDMAN that we will endeavor to profit by the fraternal reproof. To the second charge, preferred by our esteemed brother of Texas, we are compelled to put in the plea of “guilty,” but with extenuating circumstances. In fact, we were on the point of increasing our culpability by thoughtlessly declaring that we “acknowledge the corn”; but, as will be seen, we have checked ourselves in the utterance. There is no defence for the use of inelegant language in writing by those whose acquirements should prompt the use of better, nor do we mean to attempt any. But it does sometimes happen, when, doffing for the moment the severer panoply of argument and words of wisdom, and indulging briefly in a playful vein, that a current phrase, though perhaps unpolished and altogether homely, is more effective in the conveyance of an idea than a whole paragraph of Johnson’s most proper and pompous polysyllables. On such occasions we have probably sometimes used such language; but it may well be that the practice would have been “more honored in the breach than the observance.” We take the suggestion in the same kind spirit which has evidently induced it, and if the hurry of scribbling the couple of hundred pages of manuscript required for one of these reports will permit, it shall be borne in memory hereafter.

Some jocose remarks of ours in the report of 1856, relative to Lodges, U. D., Entered Apprentices, opening, closing, adjourning, &c., are noticed by the Texan committee, and an opinion is given upon each particular. The committee of Flor

ida have done the same, but in a directly opposite manner. The last maintain that a Lodge under dispensation is only "a premonitory symptom," that an Entered Apprentice is only "a coming event," &c. It is scarcely necessary for us to say that our previous writings show our opinions to be in unison with those of Bro. STEDMAN, except perhaps in the matter of closing "up" or "down," which seems to us to be a thing of small importance. Our attention is called to an opinion we expressed—or rather to our concurrence in one presented by Bro. FOSTER of Missouri—two years ago, to the effect that a Lodge could only try for *Masonic* offences, and that therefore a Mason could not be held amenable to it for acts committed before his initiation. We thank Bro. STEDMAN for the opportunity offered us to acknowledge our error, for the instance he has cited as occurring in our own Grand Lodge, in the case of ———, (*De mortuis nil nisi bonum*,) convinced us that we came to too hasty a conclusion upon that subject. It is our impression that in our report of last year we gave some utterance to this change in our views, for we now think with our brother of Texas, that it is not improper for a Lodge to take cognizance of offences committed before the culprit was a Mason, when they "were unknown at the time of initiation, or in case there was any imposition or deception practiced upon the Lodge."

Having thus on our part confessed an error of *opinion*, we "improve the occasion" by asking the chairman of the Texan committee to acknowledge one of *fact*. "Our California brother remarks," says he, "that through these proceedings, (those of Texas for 1855) the words 'Worthy' and 'Most Worthy' are used, instead of those customary among Masons, and asks, 'Is this the usage of the Grand Lodge of Texas, or a mistake in the copyist or printer?' We will answer him that it is neither the one nor the other, but that it is a mistake on the part of the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of California." He then declares that neither of those terms occur in the proceedings alluded to, except in one instance, where the word "Worthy" was used, not as a Masonic prefix, but as a qualification of character; and adds that, though not "so learned" as we, they in Texas are "not quite so deficient in a knowledge of Masonic nomenclature as his (our) inquiry would seem to imply." Now we are glad to hear that. In fact, we never really supposed it was otherwise, for we have seen too many good papers from our Texan brethren to charge them with ignorance. We imagined the slight errors of which we spoke to be owing to some lack of care in preparing the copy for the press, and noticed them, not ill-naturedly, to call the attention of the accomplished Grand Secretary to the mistakes. Bro. STEDMAN has based his denial of their existence upon quite too hasty a review of the volume which he says he has "examined carefully," and we will proceed to furnish him an index for the acknowledgment suggested to him at the commencement of this paragraph. On page 4, the first report presented, that by the Committee on Credentials, is addressed "To the *Most Worthy* Grand Lodge of Texas:" on page 21, the Deputy Grand Master, in the first paragraph of his report to the Grand Lodge, says, "I hasten to report to your *Most Worthy* Body my action as D. G. Master:" on page 56, the Grand Secretary's report speaks of his "interviews with the *Right Worthy* Grand Secretary" in Paris: on page 75, the Committee on Grand Officers' Reports allude to the Deputy Grand Master as "our *Rt. Worthy* Brother:" and on page 77, the same committee acknowledge the kindness with which the Grand Secretary had been received in Europe as a "fraternal favor extended to this *Worthy Body*." There may be other instances, but it is probably not necessary to examine further. We have taken the trouble to look over the volume which we had before reviewed, for the purpose of showing that however liable we may be to errors of opinion, we take some pains not to misstate our facts.

Resolutions were reported by the Committee to acknowledge the Grand Lodge of Canada; to refund to Louisiana Relief Lodge the sum of \$160, expended by that body in assisting Masons of Texas and their families; to publish complete lists of membership with the proceedings; and to prohibit definite suspensions: all of which were adopted. The Grand Lodge declines going into the College business, and the encouragement of itinerant lecturers is forbidden. An eloquent address by the Grand Orator, Bro. J. B. LIKENS, and an Installation ceremony for the Grand Lodge appear with the proceedings. The

Grand Treasurer's report exhibits (exclusive of sundry receipts and disbursements by the Grand Secretary) a revenue for the year of \$9035, and an expenditure of \$9136, with a balance on hand of \$5050. One hundred and eighty-four Lodges now appear upon the registry, being seven more than we last year chronicled. The Communication continued six days, the *M. W.* WM. STEDMAN having been elected Grand Master, and the *R. W.* A. S. RUTHVEN reelected Grand Secretary.

VERMONT.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Vermont for the year 1857, was commenced at the City of Burlington on the fourteenth day of January—the *M. W.* PHILIP C. TUCKER, Grand Master, presiding, and the *R. W.* JOHN B. HOLLENBECK being Grand Secretary.

The Address of the venerable Grand Master is longer than usual, and, being from such a source, it is needless to say that it is interesting in proportion with its length. A large portion of it is devoted to a review of the Canada question; and the previous action of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, recognizing the new Body in those Provinces, is ably sustained, and was reaffirmed by that body. It would afford us pleasure to present a synopsis of his learned and logical argument upon this subject, but the near approach of the session at which this report is to be presented, warns us that we must soon draw it to a close. Yet we still hope to find time to present some views upon that question under its proper head. Bro. TUCKER mentions the case of a Lodge which, by the vote of a majority, had proposed to surrender its Charter, and states that he was at first inclined to recognize its right to do so, but that after reflection he had decided "that so long as a minority, large enough to officer a Lodge fully, existed, *opposed* to dissolution, the majority had not the power to destroy the Lodge." This is the principle that we had supposed should govern, and we are glad to be strengthened in our supposition from such high authority. The issue of two Dispensations to form new Lodges is announced, and a beautiful tribute is paid to the memory of Bro. ANTHONY J. HASWELL, the venerable brother of the former Grand Master of Vermont.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Bro. BARZILLAI DAVENPORT, the *R. W.* Deputy Grand Master. It is a good, though rapid summary of the proceedings of the Grand Lodges whose publications had been received, but presents few opinions upon any of the subjects therein discussed. A complimentary notice is given to California, and confidence is expressed "that the Royal Art is in safe hands in the far-off mountains of gold, and on the banks of the Sacramento." We observe it stated that in the proceedings of Florida for 1856, "Anderson's Constitutions" were published. If Bro. DAVENPORT will examine the singular document printed with that title, his opinion as to the correctness of the name may be somewhat unsettled.

The following stringent resolutions in regard to non-affiliation were adopted by a unanimous vote:—

"*Resolved*, That all non-affiliated Masons should be, and are hereby, indefinitely suspended, and they and their families excluded from all the privileges and benefits of the Institution, unless they, by petition properly presented to the Lodge within whose jurisdiction they reside, shall cause such facts to appear as should render such suspension inexpedient or improper; the Lodge to whom the petition is presented to act according to its best discretion—its action being always subject to revision by the Grand Lodge, in accordance with the regulations relating to appeals.

"*Resolved*, That all Masons who shall, from choice, habitually and constantly absent themselves from the communications, and neglect payment of the dues of their respective Lodges, within one year after they shall become due and notice given, shall be, and are hereby, considered as non-affiliated Masons, and treated accordingly."

Representatives were exchanged with the Grand Lodges of New York and Canada. Of the finances, we only learn that \$147 remained in the Grand Treasurer's hands, besides a Charity Fund of \$209. Forty-one chartered Lodges and one under dispensation are now in existence, being five more than we last reported. The Grand Lodge was two days in session, and the Grand Master and Grand Secretary were both reelected.

VIRGINIA.

The Grand Lodge of Virginia commenced its Annual Communication for the year 1857, at the city of Richmond, on the fourteenth day of December,—the *M. W.*: JOHN S. CALDWELL, Grand Master, presiding, and the *R. W.*: JOHN DOVE being Grand Secretary.

The Address of the Grand Master occupies but little space. He congratulates his brethren upon the prosperity of the Order in the Old Dominion; announces the issue of eighteen Dispensations to form new Lodges during the year; intimates his approval of the system of interchanging representatives with other Grand Bodies—a system which was afterwards adopted by the Grand Lodge; suggests the discontinuance of the practice of publishing the names of those rejected for initiation by the Lodges, which suggestion was concurred in; and recommends the erection of a Masonic Temple. This last subject was referred to a committee, from the report of which and the subsequent action thereupon, it would appear that the Grand Lodge has earnestly set about carrying the recommendation into effect.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. F. W. ROSIER. In it our notice last year of the resolution of Virginia prohibiting the reference of petitions for initiation to committees, is commented upon at greater length than most of the subjects which are reviewed. Though we mentioned only the substance of the resolution in our last report, with the inquiry why the practice was forbidden, our attention was particularly attracted to it by what seemed to us a somewhat singular remark of the committee who reported upon the subject. If we recollect aright, great surprise was expressed by that committee at having learned that in *some* jurisdictions this practice of referring such petitions to committees had really obtained; and we thought it remarkable that information of a usage which we had supposed to be general, indeed, universal, throughout the United States, (with this one exception) should so lately have reached the intelligent committee of Virginia. The proposition of Bro. ROSIER that “each member should consider himself a committee to inquire into the character of the applicant,” is indisputably a good one. But did, or will, each member ever do it? It is a homely but an ower true adage that “what is everybody’s business is nobody’s”; and its exemplification is quite as likely to occur in Masonic Lodges as elsewhere. By the appointment of a committee especially deputed for the purpose, it is rendered probable that some investigation will be had, and some information elicited. By leaving the matter to the general inquest, the probabilities are that the Lodge will have learned no more regarding the candidate on the night of the ballot, than it had when his petition was presented. In our own experience we have encountered none of the unhappy effects of this practice which are suggested by our brethren of Virginia, and we cannot perceive how the sanctity of the ballot-box is invaded because a committee are simply honest enough openly to express their conviction that a candidate is unfit to be received into our Order.

When speaking of the proposition of Indiana to permit Masters of Lodges and the Grand Master to be tried by the subordinates of which they are severally members, Bro. ROSIER remarks “that Masters of Lodges can be tried for unmasonic conduct, there can be no reasonable doubt.” We of course entertain no doubt of that, but it can hardly be that this is meant as an assent to the *mode* of trial proposed in Indiana. If there were no other objection to that method, the fact that the Master is the custodian of the Charter of his Lodge, and might prevent all proceedings by refusing to have it present, seems an unanswerable one. The right to try a Grand Master, however, is not admitted at all by the Virginia committee. He is “looked upon as a monarch, elected for a definite time; his power in some matters being limited by the Constitution, but in others (those, for example, which belong to his office by prescriptive right) his power is despotic, and he is only amenable to God and his own conscience.” We can not agree to the doctrine that such unlimited and irresponsible power belongs of right, or belongs at all, to any man placed in a merely temporary position of official superiority by the suffrages of his fellows; and we have no doubt that “a new regulation” may with propriety be enacted, by which a Grand Master may

be brought to trial for his misdeeds, as well as other men, though we by no means approve the one under consideration in Indiana.

The "teetotal" resolutions of some of the Grand Lodges are spoken of by Bro. ROSIER in a manner which fully accords with our own views; a handsome amende is made to Bro. KING, of New York, for having hastily made use last year of his translation of the Paris proceedings without the proper credit; a just animadversion upon the present flood of newspaper "Masonic Literature" is indulged in; and an earnest opposition is manifested to the late new doctrines which propose to convert Masonic Lodges into Christian Churches. The remarks of the committee on this subject conclude as follows:—

"We are opposed to the introduction of any new test of the qualifications of a candidate for Masonry; particularly if, as in the present instance, it strikes at the root of one of its noblest features—its universality. Not an argument is advanced by our respected brethren of Texas but might, with a change of names, be used by the Turk, the Chinese, or the red Indian in favor of his particular creed. To sum up all, we hope never to hear more required of a candidate on this head than that he should express his trust in that

'Father of all, in every age, In every clime adored,
By saint, by savage, and by sage,—JEHOVAH, JOVE, or LORD.'

Resolutions were adopted to submit to the Grand Lodges of the United States the proposition to purchase Mount Vernon; to rescind the order of the preceding year, which prohibited the conferring of "side degrees"; and disapproving the proposal to establish a General Grand Lodge. A report was adopted which considers the attainment of *absolute* uniformity in work as utterly hopeless; maintains the previous action of the Grand Lodge in opposition to non-affiliation; expresses a decided hostility to all so called cases of emergency; and reprehends a very singular custom—the mockery of a pretended funeral! The financial report shows the receipts for the year to have been \$1656, and the disbursements \$1432, leaving \$600 in the treasury, besides \$165 in the Charity Fund, and stocks amounting to \$3,100. From the published list it appears that one hundred and fifty-six chartered Lodges and one under dispensation now exist in Virginia, being eleven more than we last year noted. The Communication occupied three days, and the Grand Master and Grand Secretary were both reelected.

WISCONSIN.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, for the year 1857, was begun at the City of Milwaukee on the ninth day of June—the *M.*: W.: HENRY S. BAIRD, Grand Master, presiding, and the *R.*: W.: WILLIAM R. SMITH being Grand Secretary.

In his Address the Grand Master congratulates the Craft that the light of Masonry keeps equal pace with the march of civilization and improvement; expresses solicitude that care be taken in the introduction of candidates; announces the failure of the "Committee on Work," appointed at the previous Communication, to accomplish any of the duties for which it was established; suggests the appointment of one or more Grand Lecturers, with a fixed compensation, as the best method of arriving at that great desideratum—uniformity of work; intimates the propriety of delaying any action upon the Canada question, until the committee appointed upon that subject at the preceding meeting should report, (which we perceive they failed to do;) pronounces a eulogy upon Bro. E. K. KANE; and states that eight Dispensations to form new Lodges had been issued during the year. In addition to these, we observe that four were granted by the Deputy Grand Master.

No Report on Foreign Correspondence appears in the proceedings. Amendments to the Constitution were adopted, prohibiting the reception of applications for initiation from any who had not resided at least one year within the jurisdiction of the Lodge to which the same might be presented, unless by dispensation from the Grand Master; and forbidding the withdrawal of any application for degrees after it had been read in open Lodge. From the financial reports it appears that the receipts for the year were \$3359, the disbursements \$3046, and that the balance remaining on hand in cash and bonds amounted to \$7718, which was subject to the payment of sundry bills amounting to six or seven hundred dollars. Eighty-two chartered Lodges and one under dispensa-

tion are now in existence in Wisconsin, an increase of six since our last report. The Communication continued during four days; and the Grand Master and Grand Secretary were both reelected.

CANADA.

We have been favored with the receipt of a very handsomely prepared publication of two hundred and twenty pages, containing the transactions of the independent Grand Lodge of Canada at its first and second Annual Communications, together with the proceedings at the Convention of Lodges by which it was established on the tenth day of October, 1855. With these last, the singularly eloquent and impressive communication from our Canadian brethren, which was presented to this Grand Lodge in 1856, has made its members all familiar. To the others, the brief notice which our lack of time now renders imperative will be given.

The first Annual Communication was commenced at the City of Hamilton on the ninth day of July, 1856—the *M. W.* WILLIAM MERCER WILSON, Grand Master, presiding, and the *R. W.* THOMAS B. HARRIS being Grand Secretary. In accordance with the custom which prevails among the American Grand Lodges, an Address was presented by the Grand Master at the opening. In it he asserts that the true spirit of Masonry had actuated himself and his brethren in their declaration of independence; presents sundry local matters for consideration; mentions that he had visited nearly all the Lodges in that portion of the Province; recommends, most sensibly as we think, that in the revision of the ritual the Mark degree be incorporated with that of Fellow Craft; congratulates the Grand Lodge upon its recognition by one of its parent bodies, the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and by a number of the Grand Lodges of the United States; pronounces the Circular of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West, in regard to the manner in which this new Body was formed, to be calumnious and an “ingeniously arranged misrepresentation,” supported by parties known to be “actuated by personal and interested motives”; and warmly commends to the Lodges the Universal Masonic Library of Bro. MORRIS. Nine Dispensations to form new Lodges had been issued, for all which warrants were ordered. A Constitution was adopted; representatives in the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Vermont were appointed; and Grand Master WILSON was reelected. Bro. JOHN OSBORNE was elected Grand Secretary, his predecessor, Bro. THOS. B. HARRIS, having been elected Grand Registrar.

The second Annual Communication was held at the City of Montreal, commencing on the eighth day of July, 1857. Upon this occasion, also, an Address was delivered by the Grand Master, in which he recommends the system of publications now generally adopted by the Grand Lodges of the United States; alludes to the division of the Province into seven Masonic districts, with a District Deputy Grand Master in each, as ordered at the preceding Communication; notices sundry local matters, of interest only to the Craft in Canada; eulogizes the memory of Bro. E. K. KANE; expresses opinions which sufficiently indicate that he is not likely to become a convert to the recently invented religious test; indulges a hope that a union of all the Masons of Canada will speedily be effected; and notices certain resolutions of the Provincial Grand Lodge having a tendency in that direction, among which was one appointing a committee to treat with a like delegation from the Grand Lodge of Canada upon that subject. The issue of ten Dispensations to institute new Lodges was announced; a Report on Foreign Correspondence was presented, consisting almost entirely of the reports which various writers among the American Grand Lodges have submitted in favor of the recognition of the new Grand Lodge; and a committee was appointed to confer with that of the Provincial Grand Lodge upon the proposition for a union of the two bodies. The result of this conference will be given in another place. Forty-eight chartered Lodges and one under dispensation are now borne upon the registry of the Grand Lodge of Canada. The Communication continued three days. The *M. W.* WM. M. WILSON was a third time elected Grand Master, and the brethren returned to their first love by again electing the *R. W.* THOS. B. HARRIS Grand Secretary.

CANADA WEST.

We have before us, in a handsome pamphlet of sixty-three pages, the transactions of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West from the twenty-first day of May, 1856, to the ninth day of September, 1857, when that body also declared its independence, and reorganized itself under the name and style of the ANCIENT GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

At the half yearly Communication, held at the city of Toronto, on the date first named above, a resolution was adopted that the position of that Provincial Grand Body and the movement of the "self-styled Grand Lodge of Canada," be communicated to all the Masonic bodies with which correspondence was held. The result of that resolution was the circular laid before the Grand Lodge of California at its last Communication. A resolution was also adopted heartily approving a motion of which notice was given in the Grand Lodge of England, to the effect that the Provincial Grand Lodge should thereafter enjoy all the privileges of an independent Grand Lodge, except that once in three years it should submit the names of two or more brethren to the Grand Master of England, from among whom one was to be named as Provincial Grand Master.

At the half-yearly Communication holden at the same city on the twenty-third day of October, 1856, great dissatisfaction was expressed at the manner in which a previous memorial to the Earl of Zetland, Grand Master of England, had been received; and resolutions were adopted expressive of this feeling, and ordering a direct appeal to the Grand Lodge of England. Another resolution was passed forbidding all Masonic communication with the "self-styled Grand Lodge of Canada," and those having any connection therewith.

At a special meeting held at the Town of Cobourg on the eighth day of January, 1857, the report of a committee appointed to draft the above memorial was received, and the paper presented was ordered to be forwarded to the parent Grand Lodge.

At the half yearly Communication held in the City of Toronto on the thirtieth day of June of the same year, the Deputy Grand Master, the R. W. THOMAS G. RIBOUR, announced that the prayer contained in the memorial had not been granted, and that there was no reason to hope, from the tenor of the correspondence which had taken place upon the subject, that it ever would be; whereupon there was at once evinced a disposition to follow in the path which nearly two years before the brethren who now compose the Grand Lodge of Canada had taken. A resolution was immediately adopted, rescinding that before mentioned which forbade communication with that body and its adherents; and others were passed declaring a separate organization necessary, and authorizing a committee to confer with a similar deputation from the Grand Lodge of Canada, in regard to a union between the two bodies.

On the ninth day of September, 1857, an especial meeting was held at Toronto, when the report of the committee last named was presented. This comprises the "Articles of Union" proposed by those representing the Provincial Grand Lodge, the amendments and alterations suggested by the committee from the independent Grand Lodge, and the minutes of proceedings of the joint delegation. We have neither time nor space to present these things in full. Suffice it that no agreement was arrived at, and that the reasons for the disagreement hardly seem sufficient. In a matter of so much importance, mere questions of punctilio should not have prevented the result so much to be desired. The representatives of the Provincial Grand Lodge appear to have wished that an organization of the two bodies entirely *de novo*, so far as regarded the date of union, period of meeting, time and manner of elections, and sundry other particulars, should be provided; while those of the Grand Lodge insisted that all these things, really of minor consequence, should be governed to some extent by the terms of the constitution already adopted by that body. The final difference was merely upon a question of dignity—an *amalgamation* being desired upon the one hand, a *fusion* upon the other. The distinction between those terms we shall leave our Canadian brethren to explain.

Upon the report of the committee, the Provincial Grand Master, Sir ALLAN NAPIER MACNAB, announced that the Provincial Grand Lodge had declared its independence; and, as the representative of the Grand Master of England, required that every Master or Delegate of a Lodge holding under the authority of

the Grand Lodge of England should deliver up the Warrant of his Lodge. In accordance with this order the Warrants of thirty-eight Lodges were surrendered, being all apparently there represented; and then, without a charter in existence, it was resolved that the "Ancient Grand Lodge of Canada" be formed, and that SIR ALLAN N. McNAB be its first Grand Master. We have not time now to express our opinions in regard to the manner of the organization. Forty-seven Lodges appear to adhere to it, and the late Provincial Grand Secretary, the V. W. FRANCIS RICHARDSON, was appointed to fulfil the same duties in the new body.

CONCLUSION.

The committee had cherished the hope of being enabled at this Communication to present, *in extenso*, the whole subject of the Canadian difficulties, with such opinions as they have formed in regard to it, and the reasons from which they are deduced. But domestic afflictions have deprived them of the time necessary for the creditable accomplishment of that purpose, and the hour is now at hand when this report must be concluded. This much, however, they briefly say. The developments of the past year have placed the organizations in Canada in a position, as regards each other, differing greatly from that they occupied at the date of our last review. Then there was a Provincial Grand Body of undoubted legality in existence, which still numbered among the subordinates who adhered to more than half of those existing in the Upper Province; and, though all our warmest sympathies were aroused at the eloquent and truthful manner in which the new Grand Lodge had set forth the grievances which impelled the declaration of its independence, we did not think it right to desert those who, notwithstanding the many evils of which they also loudly complained, remained thus sturdily faithful to the Masonic precept of obedience. Now the scenes are shifted and the characters are changed. The Provincial Grand Lodge, after receiving concessions from the Grand Master of England which included all the privileges it prayed for two years before, and which, had they been granted then, would doubtless have prevented the secession of those who formed the Grand Lodge of Canada, increased its demands to the extent of an absolute recognition of its independent existence; and, upon its being rendered probable that such an acknowledgment would not be obtained, first negotiated with the body it had previously outlawed, and then, with less provocation than the other, followed in its footsteps. Thus we have a choice of two organizations—the Grand Lodge of Canada, and the Ancient Grand Lodge of Canada—both formed by a violent separation from the parent body to which their constituents principally owed allegiance, and, in that respect, both standing upon a position of equality before us. We must recognize one or the other, or ignore the existence of Masonry in Canada, except so far as the limited jurisdiction of the Provincial Grand Lodges of Montreal and William Henry, and Quebec, and Three Rivers are concerned. The last alternative we have no thought of adopting, and as between the two Grand Lodges, we have no hesitation in giving preference to the first. Our opinions in regard to the propriety of its formation had undergone some change before learning the action of the late Provincial Grand Lodge, and now we have no room for doubt as to our choice of action. We recommend the recognition of that Grand Lodge of Canada of which the M. W. WM. MERCER WILSON is Grand Master, and the R. W. THOS. BIRD HARRIS is Grand Secretary.

It is a subject of regret, not only that we have been compelled thus hurriedly to speak of a matter of such importance; but that our foreign communications must remain unnoticed, further than the simple acknowledgment of their receipt contained in the commencement of this paper. Indeed, the writer has much to ask indulgence for throughout the whole of the report. It has been written at various intervals, during a period of grievous sadness and anxiety, while watching by the sick-bed of one most near and dear; and it is scarcely possible that justice has been done to any of the subjects where argument or reasoning has been attempted. It is believed, however, to be a faithful summary of the proceedings of those Grand bodies which it professes to review, and as such it is presented to the Grand Lodge of California.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALEX. G. ABELL, *Chairman.*

Which report was received and ordered to be published with the proceedings.

The Grand Secretary presented certain papers relative to a former committee, appointed for the purpose of soliciting contributions to procure a stone for the National Washington Monument; which were referred to the Committee on Grievances.

He also presented a communication relative to certain differences between *Washington* Lodge, No. 20, and *Concord* Lodge, No. 117, in the City of Sacramento, relative to the membership of Bro. J. P. THOMPSON; which was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

He also presented a petition from *Hawaiian* Lodge, No. 21, praying for a remission of its dues for reasons therein set forth; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

He also presented certain correspondence with the Provincial Grand Lodge of Victoria, in Australia; which was read and ordered to be placed on file.

He also presented certain papers relative to the suspension of *Lebanon* Lodge, No. 49, and of JOSEPH MAYER, a member of that Lodge; which were referred to the special committee to whom was committed that portion of the Grand Master's Address which relates to those subjects.

Bro. J. R. CRANDALL presented a petition from D. N. ALLAN, who was expelled by *Iowa Hill* Lodge, No. 63, in the year 1856, and whose expulsion was confirmed by the Grand Lodge in May, 1857, praying that he may be restored, and a new trial granted; which was referred to the Committee on Grievances.

The report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was taken from the table, and its several subjects were acted upon as follows:—

The proposed new Constitution, which was submitted at the last Annual Communication, and was laid over until the present one, upon motion of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, was recommitted to the committee who presented it, with instructions to report it with amendments at the next Annual Communication.

The proposed amendments to Article XIII. of the present Constitution, presented at the last Annual Communication, and reported on page 101 of the printed proceedings of the year 1857, were both rejected.

The petition from *Hawaiian* Lodge, No. 21, presented at the last Annual Communication, asking for the appointment of a District Deputy Grand Master for the Hawaiian Islands, was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

The resolution which accompanied the report presented by the special committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's Address, at the last Annual Communication, relative to the subject of "Side Degrees," was adopted, after being amended so as to read as follows:—

Resolved, That the "Side Degrees," so called, form no part of legitimate Masonry, and the conferring them hereafter in Masonic Lodge rooms is discountenanced by this Grand Lodge.

The committee upon the donation of certain lands by Bro. A. M. WINN was continued.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

In Grand Lodge.

MORNING SESSION,
Wednesday, May 13th, A. L. 5858. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 10 o'clock, A. M., the Grand Master presiding.

After prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the minutes of the sessions of yesterday were read and approved.

Bro. WM. H. HOWARD, from the Committee on Credentials, reported the following additional members as present and entitled to seats, viz.: from

San Francisco,...No. 7,.....CHARLES ASHTON, Junior Warden.

San Joaquin,.....No. 19,.....A. G. BROWN, proxy for Worshipful Master.

Golden Gate,.....No. 30,.....WM. S. PHELPS, proxy for Junior Warden.

Morning Star,...No. 68,.....WM. H. GRAY, proxy for Worshipful Master.

North Star,.....No. 91,.....A. P. McCARTON, Senior Warden.

Jefferson,.....No. 97,.....J. A. JOHNSON, Junior Warden.

St Mark's,.....No. 115,.....F. L. SULLIVAN, Worshipful Master and P. M.

Which report was received and concurred in, and the brethren therein named were admitted to seats.

Bro. L. C. OWEN offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the dues of *Michigan City* Lodge, No. 47, for the year ending March 4, 1858, be remitted.

Which resolution was referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

The Grand Secretary presented certain further papers from *Mountain Forest* Lodge, No. 75, relative to the suspension of D. HARDY, by that Lodge; which were referred to the Committee on Grievances.

Bro. WM. H. HOWARD, from the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, presented the following report :—

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of California :—

Your committee, to whom was referred the petition of Bro. WILLIAM JOHNSON, of *El Dorado* Lodge, No. 26, together with the proceedings of that Lodge in his case, and the subsequent action of the M.: W.: Grand Master thereupon, beg leave to report that they fully endorse the action of the Grand Master, and recommend its approval by the Grand Lodge; and, as the case is one which it is unnecessary to give in detail in a report intended for publication, they suggest that a verbal statement of the facts be given by the chairman of the committee, for the information of the Grand Lodge, and that the whole matter be referred back to *El Dorado* Lodge, No. 26, for such prudent action as it may see proper to take in the premises, by an endorsement or similar approval to that already given by the Lodge of the character and standing of the petitioner, while a member thereof.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. HOWARD,	} Committee.
J. R. CRANDALL,	
A. HOLLUB,	
THOS. H. WILLIAMS,	
WM. S. WELLS,	

Which report, after the verbal statement therein suggested had been presented, was received and concurred in.

Bro. JOHN F. MORSE, from the Committee on Finance and Accounts, presented the following reports :—

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of California :—

Your committee, to whom was referred the Annual Report of the R.: W.: Grand Secretary, submit the following for your consideration. A careful investigation of the accounts of the Grand Secretary shows that the receipts and disbursements during the last fiscal year, as detailed in his report, are properly attested by receipts and vouchers separately examined by us.

From his report it appears that the aggregate receipts during the year last past amount to..... \$9126 00
And that the balance on hand from last year was..... 1751 83

Making a total of.....\$10,877 83

The principal sources of revenue from which this sum has accumulated are dues from the subordinates, Dispensations for the formation of new Lodges, issued by the Grand Master, Charters issued by order of the Grand Lodge, and the sale of Diplomas and books.

The following disposition of this money has been made, to wit :—

For account of salaries of Grand Officers.....	\$3000 00
“ Printing and binding, rent, stationery, and contingent expenses of the Grand Secretary’s office.....	2855 91
“ Account of expenses of Grand officers and Grand Master’s office.....	425 00
“ “ “ Special appropriations per resolutions of Grand Lodge.....	528 34
“ “ “ The Library.....	213 06
“ “ “ General Fund.....	501 25
“ “ “ Masonic Hall Fund.....	2000 00
Making a total of.....	\$9523 56

This amount, deducted from the \$10,877,83, leaves a balance on hand at the end of the fiscal year of \$1354,27. This balance, superadded to the \$2000 now at interest, and the accrued interest upon the investment, \$270, makes the clear sum of \$3624,27, which is now in possession of the Grand Lodge. This affords a pleasing contrast with our financial condition three years ago, and is an unexpectedly rapid emancipation from those pecuniary embarrassments which existed before that period. In less than three years this Grand Lodge has cancelled disagreeable pecuniary obligations, made liberal appropriations of its revenue, and yet acquired to itself the complacent assurance of having a surplus sum of \$3624,27 at its command.

Under such circumstances your committee feel like terminating their report in a rhapsody of congratulation; but a sense of harsh and disagreeable duty will not permit the indulgence. There are still incursive evils leaving their unnecessary traces upon the financial economy of our Grand Lodge. And, as financial committees are generally composed of men who are commonly esteemed in proportion as they succeed in representing the spirit of censorial grumblers, we must crowd the poetry of our feelings into the chilling retreats of suspicion and censure.

The Grand Lodge spends too much money, and is too little governed by the limited appropriations which are annually adopted for its guide. Last year the following appropriations were made to cover the expenditures for the fiscal year :—

For expenses of Grand Officers and the Grand Master’s office.....	\$500 00
“ Printing, and contingent expenses of Grand Secretary’s office....	2500 00
“ Salary of the Grand Secretary.....	2400 00
“ “ “ Grand Treasurer.....	100 00
“ “ “ Assistant Grand Secretary.....	400 00
“ Attendance and services of the Grand Tyler.....	100 00
Making a total of.....	\$6000 00

Now your committee would ask what have been the expenditures, exclusive of \$2000 invested? The answer is \$7523 56; an excess of \$1523 56 over the fixed appropriations for the year. Whose fault is this? Is it to be charged to the Grand Master, or Grand Secretary, or Grand Treasurer? Not at all. It is to be charged to the Grand Lodge itself in its constituent character—to a lack of reference to the limits which have been unanimously erected, when propositions for appropriations are presented for the consideration of the Grand Lodge. In those appeals, which in all bodies of this kind are multiplied in proportion as they are liberally responded to, we forget our resolutions of economy, and launch out into an extravagance equal to the generous and munificent donations of a man revelling in the dreams of a Sir John Barleycorn. Instead of an excess of \$1523,56, it is a wonder that the sum is not \$2523,56. Now what shall we do? Shall we cut down the Grand Secretary’s salary, which is the largest special appropriation? Your committee answer most emphatically, no. We want

talent in that office, and as long as we can obtain it, we should pay a price for it that will insure us from mortification and shame. Shall we abolish the other salaries, which are now almost nominal? We say again, no. Shall we do away with all contingent expenses? That is impossible. Then in what can we economise, if not in the publishing expenses of this Grand Lodge? This, indeed, constitutes the great loop-hole of expenditure which your censorial committee feel called upon to disapprove. Condensation must be practiced, if we would relieve ourselves of an evil which is more beautiful than useful. How, or where to commence this condensation your committee can scarcely determine; for the *cacothes-scribendi* is affecting even your Committee of Finance, and indicates an epidemical prevalence of the disease which staggers the heroism of economy and terrifies caution with the fear of suicide. Can we insinuate that our Grand Secretary should apply the condenser to his beautifully elaborated Foreign Correspondence? Your committee feel that that correspondence, in the hands of the present chairman, is a coronet of brilliants, reflecting upon the world the very tints and warmth of our open-hearted, California-nurtured Masonry. It is a magnetic circle which can hardly be subjected to parsimonious pressure without the fear of drying up the lovely currents of sympathy that constitute the most entrancing beauties of our glorious Order. Can we say to our successive Grand Masters, we wish you would study Webster on abbreviations? No, no. Besides the indelicacy of such a suggestion, it would trammel the very tongue of benevolence, and discourage the cultivation of executive zeal. Whilst your committee feel that it might be a good thing for officers and committees to emulate one-another in the cultivation of a style of sententiousness and brevity, yet we think there are other matters published every year that might be very greatly abridged, without sacrificing any great good. We cannot see the necessity of annually publishing fifty, sixty, or eighty pages of the returns of subordinates; and unless there be some mysterious and undiscovered connection of this feature of our reports with the "ancient landmarks" of Masonry, (which are such subtle and ubiquitous things that your committee have not been able to recognize them in their pursuit of economy), we would earnestly recommend a large reduction of our publishing expenses by a free condensation of such reports.

Before closing this report your committee cannot refrain from joining in the constant acknowledgements of this Grand Lodge of the peculiar style, method and enviable ability of the Grand Secretary, whose acts we have been contemplating in this our most prolix report. In conclusion, we would respectfully submit the following resolutions:—

Resolved, That it is a necessary and becoming duty of the officers and members of this Grand Body to diminish the measure of our annual publications, and in all proper matters to exercise a disposition to practice a rigid economy.

Resolved, That the cost of the bound volumes of the transactions of this Grand Lodge from 1850 to 1854 inclusive, which have been transmitted by the Grand Secretary to the various Grand Bodies with which we are in correspondence, and to our representatives abroad, be paid to him from the treasury of the Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN F. MORSE,	} Committee.
E. LANE,	
J. B. CARTER,	
J. W. BROWN,	
H. C. HARRISON,	

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Annual Report of the R. W. Grand Treasurer, respectfully submit that from a careful examination of his

books, accounts, and vouchers, they are satisfied that he has discharged the duties of that office with perfect fidelity.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN F. MORSE,	} Committee.
E. LANE,	
J. B. CARTER,	
J. W. BROWN,	
H. C. HARRISON,	

To the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of California:—

Your Committee, to whom was referred the petition of *Hawaiian Lodge*, No. 21, submit that, for reasons frequently reiterated in this Grand Lodge, we would recommend the remission of the dues of said Lodge for the year ending March 4, 1858.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN F. MORSE,	} Committee.
E. LANE,	
J. B. CARTER,	
J. W. BROWN,	
H. C. HARRISON,	

All which reports were received and concurred in, and the resolutions accompanying them were adopted.

Bro. THOMAS P. HAWLEY, from the Committee on Dispensations and Charters, presented the following report:—

To the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of California:—

Your committee, to whom was referred the records, books and papers of the various Lodges working under dispensation, beg leave to, report that in the discharge of the duty assigned them, they have carefully examined the books and proceedings of the following Lodges, viz.:—

Vallecito, Clinton, Fidelity, Ionic, Alamo, Visalia, Sotoyomi, Table Mountain, Progress, La Fayette, and Hermann.

Your Committee are pleased to state that the records of these Lodges have generally been kept in accordance with the regulations of this Grand Lodge, and that most of them appear to be in a prosperous and flourishing condition. Those of *Vallecito, Clinton, Ionic, Alamo, Sotoyomi, Progress* and *La Fayette* Lodges are in the main correct, and the proceedings regular. Notwithstanding the admonitions of the Committees on Dispensations and Charters, in their reports for several years past, many of the Lodges still continue the practice of calling from labor to refreshment, instead of closing after all the work in the degree is disposed of; and some of them, at their first meetings, failed to show that the applicants for second and third degrees were examined in open Lodge as to their proficiency. But the representatives present from those Lodges inform your Committee that these last were errors of the Secretaries, who had omitted to notice the facts.

Your Committee refer with pleasure to the books of *Fidelity, Table Mountain* and *Hermann* Lodges; and award to them the credit of presenting the neatest records, and of transacting all their business in proper form and regular order. The minutes of *Hermann* Lodge are kept in both the English and German languages, and the brethren, upon starting their Lodge, seem to have manifested an earnest desire to conform strictly to all our rules and regulations. Several of their meetings were held for the purpose of explaining the constitution, resolutions and edicts of this Grand Lodge, and of exemplifying and becoming proficient in the work. As the dispensation was granted to this Lodge only on the sixth of March last, but little work in the conferring of degrees has been performed.

Visalia Lodge has forwarded only a transcript, purporting to be a true copy of the minutes of said Lodge. In view of the fact that the Grand Lodge, in Art. X.

Section 7, of the Constitution, requires the *Books* of the Lodge to be presented for inspection, and inasmuch as the brethren of that Lodge have not as yet completed any work—not having conferred the Master's degree—your Committee are of the opinion that a Charter should not be granted them at this Communication.

After a full and careful investigation of the entire records and proceedings of the several Lodges above named, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :—

Resolved, That Charters be issued to *Vallecito, Clinton, Fidelity, Ionic, Alamo, Sotoyomi, Table Mountain, Progress, La Fayette* and *Hermann* Lodges, according to the dates of their Dispensations, and that their representatives present be admitted to seats in the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Dispensation of *Visalia* Lodge be continued until the next Annual Communication.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS P. HAWLEY,	} Committee.
J. W. HARVILLE,	
M. P. H. LOVE,	
WM. A. JANUARY,	
R. B. MOYES,	

Which report was received and concurred in, and the accompanying resolutions were adopted.

Bro. JAMES L. ENGLISH, from the Committee on Grievances, presented the following reports :—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California :—

Your Committee, to whom was referred the papers in the matter of the expulsion of CHARLES CLARK, by *Golden Gate* Lodge, No. 30, have had the same under consideration. The proceedings are regular, and the evidence sufficient to sustain the verdict and judgment of the Lodge. Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the expulsion of CHARLES CLARK, from all the rights and privileges of Masonry, by *Golden Gate* Lodge, No. 30, be and the same is hereby confirmed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES L. ENGLISH,	} Committee.
CHARLES RAISH,	
L. BATES,	
A. L. MORRISON,	
E. W. ROBERTS,	

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California :—

Your Committee, to whom was referred the papers in the several matters of the expulsion of J. P. EMERY and J. M. S. COOK, by *Howard* Lodge, No. 96, have had the same under consideration. The objection to the proceedings is the same in both cases. The trials were had *ex parte*, and were based upon the fact shown by the record in each case, that the accused were not residents of the county, and that their residence was unknown. *Ex parte* trials, however, are only authorized by the regulations of the Grand Lodge when the residence of the accused is out of the State and unknown. Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the action of *Howard* Lodge, No. 96. in the cases of J. P. EMERY and J. M. S. COOK, be reversed and set aside, and the cases remanded for further proceedings.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES L. ENGLISH,	} Committee.
CHARLES RAISH,	
L. BATES,	
A. L. MORRISON,	
E. W. ROBERTS,	

To the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of California:—

Your Committee, to whom were referred the papers in the matter of the expulsion of PETER A. WILLIAMS, by *Bear Mountain Lodge*, No. 76, have had the same under consideration. The record does not show that the accused was either present or summoned to appear at the trial, or that he was served with a copy of the charges made against him. Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the action of *Bear Mountain Lodge*, No. 76, in the case of PETER A. WILLIAMS, be reversed and set aside, and that the case be remanded for further proceedings.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES L. ENGLISH,	} Committee.
CHARLES RAISH,	
L. BATES,	
A. L. MORRISON,	
E. W. ROBERTS,	

To the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of California:—

Your Committee, to whom were referred the appeals in the matter of the suspension of B. F. FISK, by *Humboldt Lodge*, No. 79, have had the same under consideration. The regulations of the Grand Lodge require that the examination of charges shall be had in a Lodge specially convened and notified for the purpose. In this case the trial was had at a regular communication, and there is nothing in the record to show that the members were specially notified and convened for the purpose. Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the action of *Humboldt Lodge*, No. 79, in the case of B. F. FISK, be reversed and set aside, and that the case be remanded for further proceedings.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES L. ENGLISH,	} Committee.
CHARLES RAISH,	
L. BATES,	
A. L. MORRISON,	
E. W. ROBERTS,	

To the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of California:—

Your Committee, to whom was referred the appeal in the matter of the expulsion of C. F. BRAINERD, by *California Lodge*, No. 1, have had the case under consideration, and find, from an examination of the papers, that the evidence fully supports the decision of the Lodge. There is nothing in the record to sustain the objection offered, that the members of the Lodge were not specially notified of the time and place of the meeting and trial; but on the contrary, the large attendance of members, and the statement of the W.:M.: at the opening of the Lodge, that it had been called for the purpose of investigating the charge preferred, as shown by the transcript, would indicate a compliance with the regulations on the subject. It is also objected that Rule No. 1 of the Regulations for Trials was not complied with, but the record sufficiently shows that the accused did not reside in the State, and that his residence was unknown, to authorize the Lodge to proceed *ex parte*. As to the objection that the accused had been previously tried on the same charge and acquitted, the committee say that there is nothing in the Constitution or Laws of Masonry which prohibit a second trial for the same offence. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the expulsion of C. F. BRAINERD from all the rights and privileges of Masonry, by *California Lodge*, No. 1, be and the same is hereby confirmed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES L. ENGLISH,	} Committee.
CHARLES RAISH,	
L. BATES,	
A. L. MORRISON,	
E. W. ROBERTS,	

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of California :—

Your committee, to whom was referred the appeal in the matter of the suspension of O. J. PRESTON, by *California* Lodge, No. 1, would respectfully report that they have had the case under consideration, and find in the record sufficient evidence to sustain the verdict and judgment of the Lodge. The two objections taken, that the Lodge had not been properly notified, and that the number of members present was too small to make it proper to proceed with the trial, were not pressed before your committee by the counsel of Mr. PRESTON, and if they had been, are effectually answered by the record. The committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the suspension of O. J. PRESTON from all the rights and privileges of Masonry, by *California* Lodge, No. 1, be and the same is hereby confirmed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES L. ENGLISH,	} Committee.
CHARLES RAISH,	
L. BATES,	
A. L. MORRISON,	
E. W. ROBERTS,	

All which reports were received and concurred in, and the accompanying resolutions were adopted.

Bro. JOHN F. MORSE, from the Committee on Finance and Accounts, presented the following report :—

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of California :—

Your committee, to whom was referred the resolution proposing to remit the dues of *Michigan City* Lodge, No. 47, respectfully report, that the application of this Lodge for the above relief is made in consequence of the destructive fire which swept away that city in a few hours, and in which the entire property and hall of the Lodge were destroyed. This, according to precedent resolutions of this Grand Lodge, is a sufficient cause to authorize the granting of the favor asked; and we therefore recommend the adoption of the resolution, as follows :—

Resolved. That the dues of *Michigan City* Lodge, No. 47, for the year ending March 4, 1858, be and are hereby remitted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN F. MORSE,	} Committee.
E. LANE,	
J. B. CARTER,	
J. W. BROWN,	
H. C. HARRISON,	

Which report was received and concurred in, and the resolution was adopted.

On motion of Bro. P. W. SHEPHEARD, it was

Ordered, That the Grand Lodge proceed to the election of its officers for the ensuing year at 11 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

Bro. E. W. ROBERTS offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That Rule 1, Section 1, of the Regulations for Trials, be amended by adding the following thereto :—

“In case the accused has absconded from his usual place of residence, or his residence is supposed to be within this State, but is unknown, notice that charges have been preferred against him shall be forwarded to every Lodge within this

jurisdiction, wherein shall be stated the date when such charges will be tried, which shall be not less than two months from the date when they were preferred.

Which resolution was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 2 o'clock, this afternoon.

In Grand Lodge.

AFTERNOON SESSION,
Thursday, May 13th, A. L. 5858. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 2 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Master presiding.

Bro. A. MARTIN, from the Committee on Credentials, reported the following additional members as present and entitled to seats, viz. :—from

<i>Fidelity</i> ,.....No. —....	{ LOUIS COHN, Worshipful Master and P. M. ; F. A. BENJAMIN, Senior Warden.
<i>Ionic</i> ,.....No. —.....	E. H. VAN DECAR, Worshipful Master.
<i>Alamo</i> ,.....No. —.....	JOHN E. MITCHELL, Worshipful Master.
<i>Sotoyomi</i> ,.....No. —.....	JOHN D. GRANT, proxy for Worshipful Master.
<i>Table Mountain</i> ,No. —....	{ J. D. KEATING, proxy for Worshipful Master ; N. D. WITT, Senior Warden.
<i>Progress</i> ,.....No. —.....	LEVI KELLER, Worshipful Master and P. M.
<i>La Fayette</i> ,.....No. —.....	WM. G. LEE, Worshipful Master.
<i>Hermann</i> ,.....No. —....	{ JOHN A. REICHERT, Worshipful Master ; JACOB F. HAEHNLEN, Past Master.

Which report was received and concurred in, and the brethren therein named were admitted to seats.

Bro. A. G. ABELL offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Canada, which was formed at the City of Hamilton, on the tenth day of October, 1855, be, and is hereby fully recognized by this Grand Lodge.

Which resolution was adopted.

Bro. JOHN F. MORSE offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That RASEY BIVEN, who was expelled by *San Joaquin* Lodge, No. 19, on the twenty-first day of September, 1854, be, and is hereby restored to all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

Which resolution, on motion of Bro. THOS. H. WILLIAMS, was referred to a special committee of three, with instructions to take testimony in said case, and to report thereon at the next Annual Communication.

The Grand Master announced as such special committee —

On the case of *Rasey Biven*:..... { Bro. P. W. Shephard,
“ Alex. G. Abell,
“ Thos. H. Williams.

Bro. WM. H. HOWARD, from the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, presented the following reports:—

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of California:—

Your Committee, to whom was referred the petition from *Hawaiian* Lodge, No. 21, at Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, asking that a District Deputy Grand Master for those Islands may be appointed, beg leave to report that, there being no authority under the Constitution of this Grand Lodge for the appointment of such an officer as a District Deputy Grand Master, it is not possible to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. HOWARD,
J. R. CRANDALL,
A. HOLLUB,
THOS. H. WILLIAMS,
WM. S. WELLS, } Committee.

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of California:—

Your Committee, to whom was referred the correspondence between *Hawaiian* Lodge, No. 21, and the Grand Secretary, relative to the publication of the previous action of this Grand Lodge regarding the Lodge “*Le Progrès de l’Océanie*,” report, that in answer to a request from the officers of *Hawaiian* Lodge, the Grand Master, through the Grand Secretary, authorized the officers of that Lodge, to publish in Honolulu, all which has heretofore been published in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, together with such other matter connected with the differences between said Lodge, and the Lodge “*Le Progrès de l’Océanie*,” “as might, in their Masonic discretion, seem proper for publication;” and your committee recommend that the action of the Grand Master therein be approved by this Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. HOWARD,
J. R. CRANDALL,
A. HOLLUB,
THOS. H. WILLIAMS,
WM. S. WELLS, } Committee.

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of California:—

Your Committee, to whom was referred the correspondence between *Humboldt* Lodge, No. 79, and the Grand Master, relative to the removal of that Lodge from the town of Humboldt to the town of Eureka, in the same county, which removal was approved by the Grand Master, have examined the papers submitted to them, and recommend that the approval be confirmed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. HOWARD,
J. R. CRANDALL,
A. HOLLUB,
THOS. H. WILLIAMS,
WM. S. WELLS, } Committee.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—

Your Committee, to whom was referred a circular from a Committee of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine, and an accompanying resolution of that Grand Body, urging the formation of a General Grand Lodge, “at the time and place of meeting of the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Encampment, in September, 1859,” beg leave respectfully to report, that after due consideration of the matter, they have arrived at the conclusion that the formation of such a body is at this time impracticable, and that therefore its further consideration by this Grand Lodge is inexpedient. The failures which have heretofore attended every effort directed in that behalf, and the non-concurrence of a large majority of the Grand Lodges of the United States in the Articles of Confederation proposed in the conventions heretofore assembled, in the opinion of your committee plainly indicate that the direction of the general sentiment of the Craft is adverse to the formation of such a body, and shadow forth what is likely to be the result of any other convention which might be assembled at the time proposed for a similar purpose. As the past will show that we cannot reasonably expect an active representation in a Masonic Convention held at a great distance from us, without sending delegates for that especial purpose, whose expenses would necessarily be heavy, and must of course be paid, we think it inexpedient and unadvisable to subject the Grand Lodge to such expense, where there is no probability of an accruing benefit.

Could your Committee be assured that a General Grand Lodge of the United States could be formed, clothed with limited and strictly defined powers, such as, while giving it efficiency as a *dernier resort* for the final settlement of such Masonic difficulties as might with propriety be brought forward for its action, as the Supreme Head of Symbolic Masonry for the regulation of its work and lectures, and the establishment of uniformity throughout the United States, would at the same time deprive it of all power for evil, by an abuse of authority or a centralization of power, they would cheerfully advocate the assembling of another Convention for that purpose. But, believing as they do, that “a consummation so devoutly to be wished” is at this time wholly impracticable, and also for other reasons assigned, they would respectfully recommend that no further action be at present had in reference thereto.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. HOWARD,	} Committee.
J. R. CRANDALL,	
A. HOLLEB.	
THOS. H. WILLIAMS,	
WM. S. WELLS,	

All which reports were received and concurred in.

Bro. CHARLES MARSH, from the Special Committee, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's Address relative to the suspension of *Lebanon* Lodge, No. 49, presented the following report:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—

Your Committee, to whom was referred that portion of the Address of the M. W. Grand Master relative to the suspension of *Lebanon* Lodge, No. 49, respectfully report, that they have examined into the causes which required the Grand Master to demand the Charter of said Lodge, and are unanimously of the opinion that his action in that case was not only in every respect proper and justifiable, but that the faithful discharge of the responsibility and trust confided to him by the Fraternity, required it at his hands.

A petition has been presented to your committee purporting to be signed by a portion of the members of said suspended Lodge, asking for a restoration of its Charter. It is also known to your committee that a large number of the members of said Lodge, including the W. M. and other officers, have formed a new Lodge, and have just obtained from this Grand Lodge a Charter therefor under the name of *Fidelity* Lodge. It is admitted by all the parties, whether

petitioners for the restoration of the Charter, or those forming the new Lodge, that the suspension was a punishment well merited and justly and properly inflicted; and there has not been on the part of the above mentioned petitioners any attempt at extenuation or apology for the acts which caused the suspension. Believing, therefore, that the reasons for the arrest of the Charter are quite sufficient for its final revocation, and deeming it proper to present an example to the subordinates of the consequences of unmasonic conduct such as was here exhibited, your committee offer the following resolutions and recommend their adoption:—

Resolved, That the action of the *M. W.* Grand Master, in arresting the Charter of *Lebanon Lodge*, No. 49, is fully approved, and that this Grand Lodge does now finally revoke said Charter, and declare said Lodge extinct.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary issue to each member of said Lodge, in good standing, a certificate of dismissal, upon the payment of all dues and charges standing against him upon the books of said Lodge at the time of its suspension.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES MARSH, A. HAYWARD, JOHN M. TINGLEY, L. C. VAN ALLEN, I. N. BARNES,	}	Committee.
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Which report was received and concurred in, and the resolutions accompanying it were adopted.

Bro. T. P. HAWLEY, from the Committee on Dispensations and Charters, presented the following reports:—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—

Your Committee, to whom was referred that portion of the *M. W.* Grand Master's Address relative to the issuing of Dispensations to new Lodges, beg leave to report that, in their opinion, the issuing of the several Dispensations in said Address referred to, have been beneficial to the interests of the Craft, and that they therefore cordially approve of his action in the premises.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS P. HAWLEY, J. W. HARVILLE, M. P. H. LOVE, WM. A. JANUARY, R. B. MOYES,	}	Committee.
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To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—

Your Committee, to whom was referred the petition of several brethren, residing at and near Nicolaus, in Sutter County, praying for a warrant of constitutional empowering them to establish a Lodge at that place, to be called *Nicolaus Lodge*, beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and find it to be in proper form, accompanied by the necessary recommendations and certificates, and signed by a constitutional number of brethren.

Your committee are of the opinion that a Charter should not be granted to any Lodge until the records of its work have been presented to the Grand Lodge for its inspection, particularly in applications where so few names appear upon the petition; and they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved. That a Dispensation be issued to the petitioners to open and hold a Lodge at Nicolaus, in Sutter County, to be called *Nicolaus Lodge*.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS P. HAWLEY, J. W. HARVILLE, M. P. H. LOVE, WM. A. JANUARY, R. B. MOYES,	}	Committee.
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Both which reports were received and concurred in, and the accompanying resolution was adopted.

Bro. A. G. ABELL offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the Grand Master be requested to inquire into the case of W. W. REUBOTTOM, formerly a member of *Los Angeles* Lodge, No. 42, and now a member of *Lexington* Lodge, No. 104, who is alleged to have been heretofore expelled by *Franklin* Lodge, No. 9, in the State of Arkansas; and to take such measures in regard to that case as the information he shall receive may, in his judgment, render proper.

Which resolution was adopted.

Bro. A. G. ABELL also offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That hereafter all notices of expulsion, suspension, striking from the roll, and reinstatement, shall be sent to the Grand Secretary, to be by him disseminated among the Lodges in the same manner as is now prescribed in the 14th Section of Article X. of the Constitution, relative to notices of rejection for initiation.

Which resolution was adopted.

Bro. E. W. ROBERTS presented the following memorial :—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California.—

I represent to your Worshipful Body, that Bro. JOHN E. COOPER, formerly a member of *Rough and Ready* Lodge, No. 52, was stricken from the roll of that Lodge during the year 1856; that he had been a member of said Lodge, by affiliation, for two years or more prior to the time when he was so stricken from the roll, and that Grand Lodge dues were paid for him by said Lodge during all that time; and that information has been received by said Lodge that Bro. COOPER is now, and has been for more than two years past, a member by affiliation of *Minnesota* Lodge, No. 67, without having withdrawn from, or in any manner severed his connection with *Rough and Ready* Lodge.

All of which is respectfully presented, for such redress as may be deemed just and proper.

E. W. ROBERTS,
W. M. of R. and R. Lodge, No. 52.

Which was received and referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

Bro. A. HOLLUB offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the sum of seventy-five dollars be transmitted to *Louisiana Relief* Lodge, No. 1, in the City of New Orleans, to reimburse that body for expenditures in relieving distressed brethren from this jurisdiction, during the year preceding its last report.

Which resolution was adopted.

Bro. A. L. MORRISON presented a memorial from *Rose's Bar* Lodge, No. 89, asking permission to change its location from Rose's Bar to Temperance Hill, a distance of half a mile; which was received, and leave was granted to change the location of said Lodge, as requested.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

In Grand Lodge.

MORNING SESSION,
Friday, May 14th, A. L. 5858. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 10 o'clock, A. M., the Grand Master presiding.

After prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the minutes of the sessions of yesterday were read and approved.

The R. W. RECTOR E. COLE, Past Senior Grand Warden, appeared and took his seat.

Bro. A. MARTIN, from the Committee on Credentials, reported the following additional members as present, and entitled to seats, viz. : from

California, ...No. 1,... { J. F. SWIFT, proxy for Junior Warden.
R. E. COLE, Past Master.

Eureka,.....No. 16,.....M. HYNEMAN, Past Master.

Parfaite Union,No. 17,.....JOSEPH HAINE, Worshipful Master and P. M.

Martinez,.....No. 41,.....W. H. BUCKLEY, Junior Warden.

Michigan City, No. 47,... { DAVID TAGGART, Junior Warden.
BENJAMIN BONNET, Past Master.

Mount'n Forest,No. 75,.....JONATHAN R. ELLIS, Worshipful Master.

Hermann, ...No. —,.....FRANCIS STAUD, Junior Warden.

Which report was received and concurred in, and the brethren therein named were admitted to seats.

Bro. JOHN F. MORSE, one of the Trustees of the Masonic Hall Fund, presented the following report:—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—

The undersigned, one of the Trustees of this M. W. Grand Lodge, to whom has been assigned the duty of investing \$2,000 of the Masonic Hall Fund, would respectfully report that, on the third day of November last, he received the amount above stated from the M. W. Grand Treasurer; and that, with the consent of the other two Trustees, on the third day following he invested the same for a period of six months, at an interest of two and one quarter per cent. per month, payable monthly — the principal being secured by a bond and mortgage upon property which is described in the accompanying papers, and which is considered good and ample security for the amount.

This report is made with the hope that hereafter the Board of Trustees may be all elected from one place, and that the subscriber may be relieved from that duty in the coming year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN F. MORSE, *Trustee.*

Which report was received, and, on motion of Bro. MORSE, was referred to a special committee of three.

• The Grand Master named the following brethren as such special committee—

On the Report of the Trustees..... { Bro. P. W. Shepheard,
“ A. D. Rock,
“ Lewis Reynolds.

Bro. WM. H. HOWARD, from the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, presented the following report :—

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of California :—

Your Committee, to whom was referred certain portions of the Grand Master’s Address, (some of which they have already reported upon), having duly considered the remaining references, beg leave to report as follows :—

They approve of the refusal of the Grand Master to grant dispensations “for the conferring the degrees in less time than that provided by the Constitution,” but would not be understood as doubting his prerogative to do so, if, in his judgment, he had deemed it expedient and proper ; and are of opinion that no emergency has arisen during his term of service which would have rendered such action on his part advisable.

They approve, also, of his refusal to grant dispensations “ for a re-ballot for persons rejected within the time prescribed by the Constitution,” but assert his prerogative to have done so had he seen proper. One of your committee, as the Grand Lodge is aware, has been placed in a position to render a just appreciation of the Grand Master’s action in reference to this, as well as other matters, at least supposable. Having granted several dispensations to ballot for rejected applicants, at the earnest solicitation of divers Lodges, and upon what seemed to be good and sufficient grounds, he was pained to learn, in due course of time, that in more than one instance the privilege thus conferred had been abused, and advantage taken of the absence of an objecting brother, or other improper appliances used to foist upon the Fraternity an unacceptable and perhaps an unworthy applicant. He took occasion, at an early day, to confer with the present M.: W.: Grand Master in relation thereto, and was gratified to learn from him that they coincided in opinion as to the inexpediency of granting dispensations for such purposes.

As regards “ a thorough revision of the standing resolutions,” and “ a repeal of the resolution permitting the subordinate Lodges to ballot for the three degrees at the same time,” your committee would remark that they seem to be referred to by the Grand Master, in connexion with the consideration and final action in reference to the new Constitution, which it was supposed would take place during the present Communication ; and, as that matter has been laid over until the next Annual Communication, your committee would recommend that a similar disposition be made of these also, by referring them to a special committee to revise, condense and report them at that time.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. HOWARD,
J. R. CRANDALL,
A. HOLLUB,
THOS. H. WILLIAMS,
WM. S. WELLS, } Committee.

Which report was received and concurred in ; and the Grand Master announced that the special committee, therein suggested, would be the same committee to which the proposed new Constitution had been re-committed.

Bro. WILLIAM H. HOWARD, from the same committee, presented the following report;—

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of California :—

Your Committee, to whom was referred the memorial of Bro. E. W. ROBERTS, *W.: M.: of Rough and Ready Lodge, No. 52.* relative to the position of Bro. JOHN E. COOPER, who is claimed as a member of that Lodge, and also of *Minnesota Lodge, No. 67,* beg leave to report that, upon examination of the case, the following facts were developed :—

Bro. COOPER first affiliated with *Rough and Ready Lodge,* and afterwards removed to the vicinity of Minnesota, where he became one of the signers to a petition for a new Lodge at that place, for which a Dispensation was issued, and which was subsequently chartered as *Minnesota Lodge, No. 67.* Having never demitted from *Rough and Ready Lodge,* he was still claimed as a member thereof, and during the year 1856 was stricken from the roll of said Lodge for non-payment of dues. Payment of his arrearages is now demanded by *Rough and Ready Lodge* from *Minnesota Lodge.*

Your committee are of opinion that *Minnesota Lodge* is responsible to *Rough and Ready Lodge* for all dues paid into its treasury by Bro. JOHN E. COOPER, subsequent to the date of its Charter, less the amount of dues paid to the Grand Lodge by that Lodge, on his account; but that it is not liable for any indebtedness of his to *Rough and Ready Lodge* previous to that time, he never having legally acquired a membership in *Minnesota Lodge.* They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution :—

Resolved, That *Minnesota Lodge, No. 67,* is hereby required to pay over to *Rough and Ready Lodge, No. 52,* all dues paid into its treasury by Bro. JOHN E. COOPER, subsequent to the date of its Charter, less the amount of dues paid to the Grand Lodge by reason of his name being borne on its roll.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. HOWARD,	} Committee.
J. R. CRANDALL,	
A. HOLLUB,	
THOS. H. WILLIAMS,	
WM. S. WELLS,	

Which report was received.

Bro. J. L. ENGLISH offered the following amendment to the resolution which accompanied the report :—

Provided, That the amount thereof shall not exceed the amount standing against said brother upon the books of *Rough and Ready Lodge, No. 52,* at the time his name was stricken from the roll.

Pending the consideration of which, the whole subject was laid on the table.

Bro. WM. H. HOWARD, from the same committee, presented the following reports :—

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of California :—

Your Committee, to whom were referred certain differences between *Washington Lodge, No. 20,* and *Concord Lodge, No. 117.* have had the same under consideration, and report as follows :—

Washington Lodge claims from *Concord Lodge* the amount of dues owing by a delinquent brother whom the first named Lodge regards as having been received into membership by the last.

It appears that the brother, then a member of *Washington Lodge,* was a petitioner for the establishment of *Concord Lodge,* which last was instituted by Charter on the fifteenth day of May, 1857, no Dispensation having been previously issued; and that, on the first day of June, 1857, he signed the by-laws of that Lodge, not having then, or yet, demitted from *Washington Lodge.* On the fourteenth

day of February, 1858, he was summoned by *Washington* Lodge to show cause why he should not be stricken from its roll for non-payment of dues. It then appearing that he was holding membership in *Concord* Lodge, claim was made on said Lodge by direction of the Worshipful Master of *Washington* Lodge, for this amount—the claim being based upon the provisions of the 9th section of Article X. of the Constitution, and the 70th Standing Resolution of the Grand Lodge.

Your committee are of the opinion that the case in question does not fall within the provisions of the Constitution and Standing Resolution above referred to, believing that they are to be construed as applying exclusively to the reception into membership by affiliation; and that *Concord* Lodge therefore is not indebted to *Washington* Lodge for the amount of the dues of the delinquent brother, but that such dues remain a personal claim against the brother, who has never been received into *legal* membership in *Concord* Lodge.

Holding, therefore, that the fact of a brother naming himself in a petition, or being named in a Dispensation for a new Lodge, would not render such Lodge liable for his indebtedness to his former Lodge, and anxious to prevent the recurrence of questions of this nature, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That hereafter all petitioners for a Dispensation, who are members of Lodges within this jurisdiction, be required to state in their petition the names and numbers of the respective Lodges to which they last belonged, and to accompany the same with certificates from the Secretaries thereof that they are free from all indebtedness to the same.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. H. HOWARD,	} Committee.
J. R. CRANDALL,	
A. HOLLUB,	
THOS. H. WILLIAMS,	
WM. S. WELLS,	

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—

Your Committee, to whom was referred the resolution offered by Bro. E. W. ROBERTS, proposing an amendment to Rule 1, Sec. 1. of the Regulations for Trials, respectfully recommend the following as a substitute therefor:—

Resolved, That Rule 1, Sec. 1. of the Regulations for Trials, be amended by striking out from the eleventh line the word “and,” and substituting therefor the word “or.”

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. HOWARD,	} Committee.
J. R. CRANDALL,	
A. HOLLUB,	
THOS. H. WILLIAMS,	
WM. S. WELLS,	

Both which reports were received and laid on the table.

Bro. WM. H. HOWARD, from the special committee to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. A. H. ROSE, also presented the following report:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—

Your Committee, to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. A. H. ROSE from the action of *Henry Clay* Lodge, No. 95, respectfully report that they find from an extract from the minutes, that said Lodge did on the seventh day of January, 1857, by resolution, levy an assessment of thirty dollars on each of its members. On the twenty-eighth day of October, 1857, Bro. ROSE was stricken from the roll for non-payment of dues. On the twenty-seventh day of January, 1858, a communication was received from Bro. ROSE, accompanied by nine dollars, as payment of dues, requesting a demit, which by ballot was refused, and on motion, the Secretary was instructed to inform him of the result of said ballot.

Your committee are of opinion that the Lodge had no power to levy extra assessments upon its members, and that consequently the action of the Lodge in refusing a demit to Bro. ROSE, and striking him from the roll, was erroneous; they therefore offer the following resolution:—

Resolved, That *Henry Clay* Lodge, No. 95, be and is hereby directed to furnish a demit to Bro. A. H. ROSE, dated January, 27, 1858.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. HOWARD, }
J. R. CRANDALL, } *Committee.*
A. HOLLCB, }

Which report was received and concurred in, and the resolution accompanying it was adopted.

Bro. JOHN F. MORSE, from the Committee on Finance and Accounts, presented the following report:—

To the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of California:—

Your Committee, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Secretary's Report relative to the surrender of the Charters of *Iowa Hill* Lodge, No. 63, and *Wisconsin Hill* Lodge, No. 74, together with the books and papers of those Lodges and the statements regarding the settlement of their affairs, report that they find from examination that there were sufficient causes for the surrender, and that the monetary affairs of those Lodges have been settled as satisfactorily as possible. They therefore offer the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the surrender of the Charters of *Iowa Hill* Lodge, No. 63, and *Wisconsin Hill* Lodge, No. 74, be accepted, and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to collect, so far as possible, all outstanding dues to those Lodges.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN F. MORSE, }
E. LANE, } *Committee.*
J. B. CARTER, }
J. H. BROWN, }
H. C. HARRISON, }

Which report was received and concurred in, and the accompanying resolution was adopted.

Bro. P. W. SHEPHEARD, from the special committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's Address relative to the communication from the Lodge *Clemente Amitie*, at Paris, presented the following report:—

To the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of California:—

Your Committee, to whom was referred the communication from the Lodge *Clemente Amitié*, at Paris, through its W.:M.: LEBLANC DE MARÇONNAY, and the answer thereto by the R.:W.: Grand Secretary, respectfully report that they have examined the same with much pleasure. They sincerely approve the truly Masonic sentiments expressed in the first portion of the said communication, and are gratified at the honor conferred on two of the members of this Grand Lodge, the M.:W.: Past Grand Master and the R.:W.: Grand Secretary, by electing and constituting them honorary members of that very respectable Lodge.

Your committee are also happy to learn that that respectable Lodge has commenced so laudable an undertaking as that described in said communication. The fostering care of forty-five young orphan girls, and furnishing them clothing, education and employment, is indeed a noble charity; and the desire of that

respectable Lodge to perpetuate this institution, as an endowment and asylum for the daughters of Freemasons, is a most glorious conception. But so far as regards the request made to us for aid in the accomplishment of this important and praiseworthy undertaking, your committee feel compelled to say that, consistently with our duties, we cannot advise any appropriation from the funds of this Grand Lodge for that purpose. We are just beginning to collect a fund for the purpose of erecting a Masonic Hall—the Grand Lodge of California being to this day dependent on the courtesy of the subordinate Lodges of this city for the use of the Hall it now occupies—and our funds are not in a condition to respond to the request of our esteemed brethren of the W. Lodge *Clemente Amitié*.

Your committee, however, would recommend that the request—that the propositions offered be suggested to the various Lodges in this jurisdiction—he complied with; and in furtherance of this object, they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the letter addressed to the M. W. Grand Master of California by the W. M. of the Lodge *Clemente Amitié*, be printed with the proceedings of this Grand Lodge.*

All of which is respectfully submitted.

P. W. SHEPHEARD,	} <i>Committee.</i>
E. E. EYRE,	
GEORGE W. HOPKINS,	

Which report was received and concurred in, and the accompanying resolution was adopted.

Bro. H. H. HARTLEY, from the special committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's Address, relative to correspondence with the Grand Orient of France, presented the following report:—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—

Your Committee, to whom was referred that portion of the Address of the M. W. Grand Master in reference to the correspondence between the Grand Orient of France and the Grand Master of Masons in this State, upon the subject of the interchange of Representatives between the two Grand Bodies, beg leave to report that they view with much pleasure the action of the Grand Orient of France, as expressed through its Grand Master, Prince LUCIEN MURAT, upon the proposed appointment of a Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Orient of France; as such an interchange of Representatives cannot fail to cement the two Grand Bodies in the closest union, to create the most perfect fraternization, and to promote that cordiality of sentiment and feeling which is so eminently characteristic of our Order.

The Grand Orient of France, in proposing this system of Representatives, has afforded another convincing proof of its zeal for the advancement and development of the spirit and genius of our Order, it having also been the first to propose and carry into effect a plan for the assembling of a Universal Masonic Congress, the first whereof convened in Paris, in 1855, and was attended by a large body of representatives from different parts of the world. We deem the interest displayed by the Grand Orient of France on all Masonic subjects, highly to be commended, and as affording a gratifying proof of the flourishing condition of the Order in that Empire. The action of the Grand Master of Masons in this State, in promptly replying to the suggestion of the Grand Master of France, meets with our fullest approbation; and we trust that the system now so happily initiated, may prove a mutual source of pleasure and fraternal aid to both Grand Bodies. Entertaining these sentiments, we submit the following resolution:—

* The letter referred to will be found appended to the journal of proceedings. A. G. A., Gr. Sec.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of California views with much pleasure the prospect of the establishment of a permanent interchange of Representatives between this Grand Body and the Grand Orient of France; and that the action of the Grand Master of Masons in this State on that subject meets the full approval of this Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY HARE HARTLEY,
C. A. HATHWELL,
R. C. GASKILL, } *Committee.*

Which report was received and concurred in, and the accompanying resolution was adopted.

Bro. WM. H. HILL, from the special committee to whom was referred the memorial of Bro. WM. GROVE DEAL, presented the following report:—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—

Your Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Bro. WM. GROVE DEAL, for relief, respectfully report that they have given the same such attention and examination as was in their power.

The facts stated in the petition have been substantiated to the perfect satisfaction of your committee, and they are unanimous in the opinion that Bro. DEAL should be in some way reimbursed for the large outlays to which he was subjected in the discharge of the duties specified in his petition. We deem it an appeal to the justice, rather than to the charity of Masons, and our only embarrassment has been as to the kind and amount of effective relief to be granted. We have concluded to recommend the plan embodied in the resolutions accompanying this report, and we submit the same without further argument. The relief proposed, if the plan be successfully carried out, will be effectual, and all that Bro. DEAL desires; and we trust that its justice and feasibility will be apparent to all. The security for the loan of \$1000 proposed, we believe to be ample, and will insure a reimbursement at an early day; justice, long delayed, will be done to a worthy brother; and the Fraternity will receive an ample reward in the educational advantages thus secured to a number of the sons and daughters of Master Masons within our jurisdiction.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge agrees to take ten scholarships, of \$100 each, in the "Alameda Collegiate Institute," of which Bro. WM. GROVE DEAL is Principal; and that, upon the presentation of such ten scholarships by Bro. DEAL to the Grand Secretary, the said Grand Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant on the Grand Treasurer in favor of said brother for the sum of \$1000.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized and directed to make an appeal to the subordinate Lodges within this jurisdiction, to raise the sum of \$3000, for thirty scholarships in said "Alameda Collegiate Institute;" and that out of the first moneys paid into his hands on account of said scholarships, he shall refund to the Grand Treasurer the \$1000 advanced by this Grand Lodge to Bro. DEAL, as authorized in the foregoing resolution.

Resolved, That upon the presentation of each scholarship other than the ten provided for in the first of these resolutions, and the receipt of the money therefor by the Grand Secretary, he is authorized and directed to pay the sums so received to said Bro. DEAL; and is hereby instructed to hold the said thirty scholarships in trust for the use of any Lodge or Mason within this jurisdiction that may choose to avail itself or himself of the same.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. H. HILL,
H. U. JENNINGS,
ISAAC M. WALTER, } *Committee.*

Which report was received and laid on the table.

Bro. E. H. VAN DECAR offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That any surplus of the moneys paid into the treasury of the Grand Lodge by *Iowa Hill* Lodge, No. 63, and *Wisconsin Hill* Lodge, No. 74, upon the surrender of their Charters, which shall remain after payment of all dues to the Grand Lodge, be and is hereby donated to *Ionic* Lodge, No. —.

Which resolution was referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

Bro. J. ISAACS presented the following proposed amendment to the Constitution :—

We propose to amend Section 1, of Article III., of the Constitution, by striking out the word “Sacramento,” and inserting instead thereof the word “San Francisco.”

GILBERT LANPHIER, Rep. of *Owen* Lodge, No. 108 ;
 JONATHAN GREEN, } Reps. of *St. John's* Lodge, No. 37 ;
 D. B. KITTs,
 A. P. McCARTON, Rep. of *North Star* Lodge, No. 91.

Which proposed amendment was laid on the table.

Bro. CHAS. MARSH offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That three hundred copies of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge for the years 1857 and 1858, be bound in the same manner as the two volumes already bound, and be offered for sale to the Lodges and Masons of this jurisdiction.

Which resolution was adopted.

Bro. JAMES L. ENGLISH, from the Committee on Grievances, presented the following report :—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California :—

Your Committee, to whom was referred the appeal in the matter of the suspension of D. HARDY, by *Mountain Forest* Lodge, No. 75, have had the same under consideration, and find the proceedings regular and the evidence amply sufficient to sustain the verdict and sentence of the Lodge. Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the suspension of D. HARDY, by *Mountain Forest* Lodge, No. 75, be, and the same is hereby confirmed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES L. ENGLISH,
 CHARLES RAISH,
 L. BATES,
 A. L. MORRISON,
 E. W. ROBERTS, } *Committee.*

Which report was received and concurred in, and the accompanying resolution was adopted.

Bro. JAMES L. ENGLISH, from the same committee, also presented the following report :—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California :—

Your Committee, to whom were referred the papers in the matter of the committee heretofore appointed to procure subscriptions for a stone for the National

Washington Monument, have had the same under consideration. Rumors have reached your committee that other sums, not mentioned in the papers, were paid to the committee; that *Grass Valley* Lodge and other Lodges have contributed different amounts. But the Committee on Grievances, being a committee of appeals, whose business it is to review the trials had in the subordinate Lodges, is not the proper one to investigate and report upon this matter. They therefore return the papers to the Grand Lodge, and recommend that they be referred to a special committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES L. ENGLISH, CHARLES RAISH, L. BATES, A. L. MORRISON, E. W. ROBERTS,	} Committee.
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Which report was received and concurred in, and the Grand Master named the following brethren as such special committee —

On the affairs of the Washington Monument Committee. { Bro. E. H. Van Decar,
“ S. W. Langton,
“ H. N. Alexander.

The Grand Secretary presented a notice of the expulsion of JOSEPH MAY by *Mount Moriah* Lodge, No. 44, which was referred to the Committee on Grievances.

Bro. O. C. WHEELER offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, an afflictive Providence has deprived our esteemed Bro. M. M. MOORE of his sight, while in indigent circumstances, with a large family dependent upon him for support; and *Whereas*, Bro. MOORE comes to us “well recommended,” and is desirous of returning to his family, in Lancaster, Pa.

Resolved, That there be now afforded to the brethren present an opportunity for the exercise of our great Masonic virtue—CHARITY.

Which resolution was adopted, and a collection was forthwith taken up in the Grand Lodge, for Bro. MOORE, amounting to \$225.

The hour for the special order — the election of Grand Officers — having now arrived, the Grand Master briefly addressed the Grand Lodge in terms expressive of his grateful appreciation of the high honor which one year ago had been conferred upon him—of his hearty thanks for the constant kindness and zealous support which he had received from the brethren during his term of office—of his justly proud satisfaction at the entire approval which had been given to all his official acts—and of his sincere desire not to be considered a candidate for re-election.

Bros. THOS. P. HAWLEY and E. H. VAN DECAR were appointed tellers of the election.

A ballot was had for Grand Master, which resulted in no choice.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 2½ o'clock this afternoon.

In Grand Lodge.

AFTERNOON SESSION,
Friday, May 14th, A. L. 5858. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 2½ o'clock, P. M., the Grand Master presiding.

The election of Grand Officers was proceeded with.

The *M. W. N.* GREENE CURTIS was re-elected Grand Master of Masons in California;

The *R. W.* PHILIP W. SHEPHEARD was elected Deputy Grand Master;

And the *R. W.* WILLIAM McCORMICK was elected Senior Grand Warden.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 7 o'clock this evening.

In Grand Lodge.

EVENING SESSION,
Friday, May 14th, A. L. 5858. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 7 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Master presiding.

The election of Grand Officers was again proceeded with.

The *R. W.* JAMES W. BICKNELL was elected Junior Grand Warden;

The *R. W.* ADDISON MARTIN was re-elected Grand Treasurer;

And the *R. W.* ALEX. G. ABELL was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The following named brethren were unanimously elected Trustees of the Masonic Hall Fund for the ensuing year:—

Bro. JOHN F. MORSE, of . . . *Tehama* Lodge, No. 2 . . . Sacramento ;
 “ JAMES L. ENGLISH, of *Sacramento* “ “ 40 . . . Sacramento ;
 “ RECTOR E. COLE, of . . . *California* “ “ 1 . . . San Francisco.

On motion of Bro. E. W. ROBERTS, it was

Ordered, That the work of this Grand Lodge be exemplified at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

The Grand Secretary presented the following papers :—

An appeal of H. BLAIR from the action of *Nebraska* Lodge, No. 71, by which he was suspended from all the rights and privileges of Masonry;

An appeal of PETER BROSS from the action of the same Lodge, by which he was expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry; and

A transcript of the proceedings of *Clay* Lodge, No. 101, by which J. A. SHUBERT was suspended from all the rights and privileges of Masonry; and his appeal therefrom :

All which were referred to the Committee on Grievances.

The Grand Treasurer presented certain papers relative to the financial affairs of the late *Lebanon* Lodge, No. 49; which were referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

The Grand Secretary presented an appeal of Bro. J. R. ATKINS from certain action of *Sacramento* Lodge, No. 40; which, on motion of Bro. E. E. EYRE, was referred to a special committee of three.

The Grand Master named the following brethren as such special committee—

<i>On the appeal of Bro. J. R. Atkins.....</i>	{	Bro. Charles Marsh,
		“ Thomas P. Hawley,
		“ E. W. Roberts.

On motion of Bro. WM. H. HILL, it was

Ordered, That the installation of the Grand Officers take place at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

In Grand Lodge.

MORNING SESSION, }
Saturday, May 15th, A. L. 5858. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 10 o'clock, A. M., the Grand Master presiding.

After prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the minutes of the sessions of yesterday were read and approved.

Bro. WM. H. HOWARD, from the Committee on Credentials, reported the following additional members as present and entitled to seats, viz : from

Arcata,.....No. 106,.....ISAAC CULBERG, Representative.

Fidelity,.....No. —,.....S. SOLOMONS, Junior Warden.

Which report was received and concurred in, and the brethren therein named were admitted to seats.

Bro. J. A. RAYMOND, from the Committee on Education, presented the following report :—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California :—

Your Committee on Education beg leave to report that they have had that subject under consideration, and present the following conclusions :—

In the present state of the funds of the Grand Lodge, the establishment of a seminary of learning or a Masonic college, even if desirable, seems quite impracticable ; and it is not at all clear to your committee that a necessity exists for any course of education, or any school or system of schools, separate from those already in existence. They believe that the very wise and ample provisions of our State government for the free education of all classes of children, whether under the special care of this Fraternity or not, are quite sufficient to meet all our wants ; and while this is the case, any attempt on our part to compete with such system, or any course which looks like a desire on the part of Masonry to be exclusive in its educational plans, will not be likely to commend our Order to the favor of the public, nor give the subjects of our charge any desirable distinction. Your committee are of opinion that the ordinary Masonic attention to the education of each individual case, as it may arise, in the common schools provided for the people, without attempting the erection of a new school, or identifying ourselves with any particular one now in existence, will accomplish for the present the full measure of our duty, while it may save us from much unmerited censure and unnecessary trouble.

While your committee are fully convinced of the adaptation of the above principles to the present circumstances, we would by no means intimate that the time may not come when the donation of land so generously tendered by a brother for the erection of a university under the charge of the Fraternity, may be rendered available and be made to accomplish the full measure of good anticipated by the donor.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN A. TUTT,	} Committee.
J. A. RAYMOND,	
DARWIN CHASE,	

Which report was received and concurred in.

On motion of Bro. W. H. HILL, the report of the special committee upon the memorial of Bro. WM. GROVE DEAL, was taken from the table and concurred in, and the resolutions accompanying it were adopted.

Bro. HENRY F. WILLIAMS, from the Committee on By-Laws, presented the following report :—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California :—

Your Committee, to whom were referred the By-Laws of the Subordinate Lodges, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report that

they have examined the proposed amendments asked for by several of the chartered Lodges, and recommend their approval as follows, to wit:—

Western Star Lodge, No. 2.—Art. 8., Sec. 1. To be so amended as to fix the fees for the degrees at twenty, twenty-five, and thirty-five dollars respectively, and the fee for affiliation at five dollars.

Art. 9, Sec. 1. To be so amended as to fix the monthly dues at fifty cents.

Michigan City Lodge, No. 47.—Art. 3, Sec. 1. To be so amended as to read as follows: "The stated meetings of this Lodge shall be held on the Saturday or next preceding the full moon in each month."

St. James Lodge, No. 54.—Art. 3, Sec. 1. To be so amended as to read as follows: "The stated meetings of this Lodge shall be held on the second Friday in each month."

Santa Rosa Lodge, No. 57.—Art. 3, Sec. 1. To be so amended as to read as follows: "The stated meetings of this Lodge shall be held on the Saturday evening next preceding the full moon in each month."

Owen Lodge, No. 108.—Art. 9, Sec. 1. To be so amended as to change the quarterly dues from five to three dollars.

Your committee have also examined the By-Laws presented from the several Lodges working under dispensation—viz.: *Fidelity*, *Hermann*, *Clinton*, *Progress*, *Alamo*, *La Fayette*, *Vallecito*, *Sotoyomi*, *Ionic*, *Table Mountain* and *Visalia*—and recommend their approval, with the exception of those presented by the last named Lodge, which are objectionable in many features.

To said Lodge your committee would recommend the Uniform Code, which has been adopted almost universally by the Lodges under this jurisdiction.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. F. WILLIAMS, }
E. W. POTTER, } *Committee.*
J. T. HIGBEE, }

Which report was received and concurred in.

The report and resolution of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, relative to the claim of *Rough and Ready* Lodge, No. 52, upon *Minnesota* Lodge, No. 67, was taken from the table, and the proviso offered yesterday by Bro. J. L. ENGLISH, was adopted. On motion of Bro. R. B. MOYES, the resolution was further amended, so as to read as follows:—

"Resolved, That *Minnesota* Lodge, No. 67, is hereby required to pay over to *Rough and Ready* Lodge, No. 52, all dues paid into its treasury by Bro. JOHN E. COOPER, subsequent to the 13th day of May, 1856; provided, that the amount thereof shall not exceed the amount of dues standing against said brother upon the books of *Rough and Ready* Lodge, No. 52, at the time his name was stricken from the roll."

When the resolution, as thus amended, was adopted.

Bro. P. W. SHEPHEARD, from the Committee on Work, presented the following report:—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—

Your Committee on Work beg leave to report, that they have met, and finding no business referred to them, pray to be discharged.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ISAAC DAVIS, }
E. BOGARDUS, } *Committee.*
P. W. SHEPHEARD, }
WM. MCKEAN, }
W. G. WEST, }

Which report was received and concurred in, and the committee was discharged.

The hour for the special order of the day—the exemplification of the work—having arrived, on motion of Bro. L. COHN. the same was postponed until 7 o'clock this evening.

The report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, relative to the differences between *Washington* and *Concord* Lodges, was taken from the table and concurred in, and the resolution accompanying it was adopted.

The report of the same committee, upon the proposed amendment of the Regulation for Trials, was taken from the table and concurred in, and the resolution accompanying it was adopted.

Bro. J. E. STEVENS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That so much of the action of this Grand Lodge, at its last Annual Communication, concurring in the report of the Committee on By-Laws of Lodges, as *instructs St. James Lodge, No. 54, Enterprise Lodge, No. 70, and Mount Zion and St. Mark's Lodges, U. D., to adopt the uniform code of By-Laws, be, and the same is hereby rescinded.*

Which resolution was adopted.

Bro. H. J. BRADLEY offered the following preamble and resolution :—

Whereas, one GEORGE W. SHARP was expelled by *Plumas Lodge, No. 60*, in the winter of 1855, of which expulsion no notice has been sent to the subordinate Lodges,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to demand of said Lodge the reasons for such neglect.

Which was referred to the Committee on Grievances.

Bro. A. MARTIN offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That permission be given to *Nicolaus Lodge, U. D.*, to hold its meetings at the “Halfway House,” (four miles from the town of Nicolaus), until the completion of its hall at Nicolaus.

Which resolution was adopted.

Bro. A. MARTIN also offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That any member of a Lodge which has surrendered its Charter, who was in good standing at the time of such surrender, is entitled to a certificate to that effect ; and that the Grand Secretary be authorized to issue such certificates.

Which resolution was adopted.

Bro. A. D. ROCK offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the Standing Resolutions of the Grand Lodge be published with the proceedings of this Communication.

Which resolution was adopted.

Bro. J. R. ELLIS offered a resolution requiring all members of Lodges, within this jurisdiction, to file with the Secretaries of their respective Lodges any demits which they may have received from Lodges of which they had formerly been members; which was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

Bro. A. D. ROCK offered a resolution reprobating the use of Masonic emblems on business cards or jewelry; which was referred to the same committee.

Bro. J. L. ENGLISH offered a resolution, instructing the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence to inquire into the expediency of rescinding the third and twenty-second Standing Resolutions; which was adopted.

Bro. John F. MORSE, from the Committee on Finance and Accounts, presented the following reports:—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—

Your committee, to whom were referred certain papers presented by the Grand Treasurer relative to the assets of *Lebanon* Lodge, No. 49, now extinct, submit the following report. It seems that in consequence of difficulties in that Lodge which have been represented to this Grand Body, its Charter was arrested, together with all its funds, books, papers, &c., according to Masonic requirement. Of these funds, \$393 19 were due for its proportion of the fixtures and furniture of a hall in which it, with other Lodges, met; and now an application is made upon the part of members of *Fidelity* Lodge in favor of allowing them, (they being most of them former members of *Lebanon* Lodge) to inherit, so to speak, the fruits of their own labors in the disbanded Lodge.

Your committee would remark, that they suppose the object of making the Grand Lodge the custodian of all the property of those subordinates which have ceased to exist, is to secure such an equitable disbursement of their assets, that the credit and character of the Order may be saved from censure—in other words, that it becomes the assignee of failing Lodges, receiving their property, and paying off those just claims, which, if left unsettled, would reflect odium upon Masonic integrity and honor. If this be correct, then your committee would suggest, that when this Grand Lodge is satisfied that the accounts and liabilities of an extinct Lodge are all cancelled, and that still a surplus of money or property is retained in the hands of the Grand Lodge, under such circumstances there would be no danger incurred in setting the precedent of allowing the same, or a portion thereof, to be recommitted to the use of those who had assisted in accumulating it, and who were honorably engaged in another Lodge in achieving the great objects of our Fraternity.

Your committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That so much of the assets of *Lebanon* Lodge as are included in the hall and furniture of *Fidelity* Lodge, are hereby donated to said Lodge, in accordance with its application.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN F. MORSE,	} Committee.
J. B. CARTER.	
J. W. BROWN,	
H. C. HARRISON,	

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California :—

Your committee, to whom was referred the resolution proposing to donate to *Ionic* Lodge, No. —, the surplus of any moneys paid into the treasury of the Grand Lodge by the late *Iowa Hill* and *Wisconsin Hill* Lodges, which shall remain after payment of their dues, respectfully report, that, inasmuch as *Ionic* Lodge is composed chiefly of members of the two extinct Lodges above named, if there remain no unpaid claims against those two bodies, they recommend the adoption of the resolution, as follows :—

Resolved, That any funds paid into the treasury of the Grand Lodge on account of *Iowa Hill* Lodge, No. 63, and *Wisconsin Hill* Lodge, No. 74, since the surrender of their respective Charters, which shall remain after all the demands of the Grand Lodge upon those Lodges shall have been satisfied, be and are hereby donated to *Ionic* Lodge, No. —.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN F. MORSE,	} Committee.
J. B. CARTER,	
J. W. BROWN,	
H. C. HARRISON.	

Which reports were received and concurred in, and the resolutions accompanying them were adopted.

Bro. CHAS. MARSH, from the special committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's Address relative to the suspension of JOSEPH MAYER, a member of the late *Lebanon* Lodge, No. 49, presented a verbal report thereon ; and, upon his motion, the trial of said MAYER was made the special order of business next succeeding the installation of Grand Officers this afternoon.

Bro. W. H. HOWARD offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the existing Constitution be published with the proceedings of this Communication.

Which resolution was adopted.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

In Grand Lodge.

AFTERNOON SESSION,
Saturday, May 15th, A. L. 5858. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 2 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Master presiding.

The Grand Master appointed Bro. H. H. HARTLEY as chairman of the committee upon the donation of lands by Bro. A. M. WINN, in his own stead.

This being the hour appointed for the installation of the Grand Officers, on motion of Bro. CHAS. MARSH, that ceremony was postponed until 7 o'clock this evening.

The special order next succeeding, being the trial of JOSEPH MAYER, a member of the late *Lebanon* Lodge, No. 49, was then taken up.

The Grand Master stated that charges of a character too gross to be mentioned in the publications of the Grand Lodge, had been preferred against said *MAYER* in *Lebanon* Lodge, and that, though the evidence adduced upon the trial abundantly proved their truth, the Lodge had refused to convict him; he had therefore arrested the Charter of that Lodge, and summoned the accused to appear for trial at this Communication of the Grand Lodge.

The record of the proceedings of *Lebanon* Lodge in his case was then read, and the accused, having failed to present himself, or attempt any defence, he was, by ballot, unanimously declared guilty of gross immorality and unmasonic conduct; and was, in like manner, unanimously declared to be expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

Bro. H. L. DAVIS offered the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be and are hereby tendered to Bro. RICHARD DALE, for his kindness in providing an organ for its use during the present Communication.

Which resolution was adopted, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to furnish a copy thereof to Bro. DALE.

The Grand Secretary presented the following report:—

LIST OF CONTRIBUTIONS

To the Fund for procuring a Testimonial to Past Grand Master, Wm. H. Howard.

1857.		Amount brought forward, \$490 75	
June 10.	<i>Golden Gate</i> , No. 30...	\$50 00	Sept. 21. <i>Howard</i> , - No. 96... 200 00
" 11.	<i>California</i> , " 1...	50 00	" 25. <i>Eldorado</i> , " 26... 21 00
" 17.	<i>Rising Star</i> , " 83...	18 00	" 29. <i>Gold Hill</i> , " 32... 8 00
" 17.	<i>Caymus</i> , " 93...	40 00	Oct. 8. <i>Forbestown</i> , " 50... 16 00
July 2.	<i>Butte</i> , " 36...	12 50	Nov. 4. <i>Forest</i> , " 66... 26 50
" 2.	<i>Minnesota</i> , " 67...	40 00	" 20. <i>Amador</i> , " 65... 14 00
" 14.	<i>Rose's Bar</i> , " 89...	30 00	" 30. <i>Hawaiian</i> , " 21... 15 00
" 17.	<i>Yuba</i> , " 39...	20 00	Dec. 29. <i>Eden</i> , " 113... 14 00
" 17.	<i>St. James</i> , " 54...	12 00	1858.
Aug. 1.	<i>Bro. L. Wertheimer</i> ,.....	10 00	Jan. 9. <i>San Francisco</i> " 7... 43 00
" 15.	<i>Mt. Jefferson</i> , No. 107...	14 25	" 12. <i>Occidental</i> , " 22... 14 00
" 15.	<i>St. John's</i> , " 37...	41 00	M'ch 3. <i>Union</i> , " 58... 10 50
" 24.	<i>Owen</i> , " 108...	65 00	" 13. <i>Marysville</i> , " 9... 18 00
Sept. 3.	<i>Lebanon</i> , " 49...	88 00	May 15. <i>San José</i> , " 10... 158 00
			" 15. <i>Mountain Forest</i> , 75... 33 00

Amount carried forward, \$490 75

Total amount received by the Grand Secretary.....\$1,081 75

All of which has, with the approbation of the Grand Officers, been disposed of for the benefit of Past Grand Master *HOWARD*, in accordance with the resolutions adopted at the last Annual Communication,

ALEX. G. ABELL, *Grand Secretary*.

Which report was received, and on motion of the Grand Secretary, was referred to a special committee for examination.

The Grand Master named the following brethren as such special committee —

On Contributions for P.:G.:M.: Howard, { Bro. J. W. Bicknell,
“ Uriah Edwards,
“ John R. Ellis.

Bro. J. W. BROWN offered the following resolution ;—

Resolved, That the officers of *Petaluma* Lodge, No. 77, be and are hereby instructed to inquire into the case of CHARLES HUNT, now a member of that Lodge, who was expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry by *Eagle* Lodge, No. 12, at Keokuk, Iowa, as appears from the published proceedings of the Grand Lodge of that State for the year 1853.

Which resolution was adopted.

Bro. F. H. HARMON offered a resolution requiring that with all application for affiliation, shall be presented demits from the Lodges of which the applicants were last members, or some good reason for failing so to do; which was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

Bro. J. W. BROWN offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the committee to whom has been recommitted the revision of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, be instructed to take into consideration the subject of paying to one delegate from each subordinate Lodge, a reasonable compensation for attendance at the Annual Communications; and, if the same shall appear just and equitable, to propose an increase of the revenue of the Grand Lodge sufficient for that purpose.

Which resolution was adopted.

Bro. P. O. CLAYTON offered a resolution of inquiry concerning the position in Masonry occupied by those whose names have been stricken from the rolls of Lodges for non-payment of dues; which was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

Bro. J. L. ENGLISH, from the Committee on Grievances, presented the following reports:—

To the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of California :—

Your Committee, to whom was referred the appeal of J. A. SHUBERT, in the matter of his suspension by *Clay* Lodge, No. 101, have had the same under consideration. The record, as presented, leaves it somewhat doubtful whether the accused was found guilty of either of the charges preferred, but it is supposed that he was found guilty and suspended upon the second charge. It was upon that, if any—and that charge being one of no serious character, but deserving rather reprimand than suspension, we consider the accused sufficiently punished by having stood suspended since the sixth day of June last. Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution :—

Resolved, That J. A. SHUBERT be and is hereby restored to all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES L. ENGLISH,	} Committee.
L. BATES,	
E. W. ROBERTS,	
CHARLES RAISH,	

To the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of California:—

Your Committee, to whom was referred the petition of D. N. ALLAN, asking that a new trial may be ordered in the case in which he was expelled by *Iowa Hill* Lodge, No. 63, on the twelfth day of August, 1856, and which sentence was confirmed by the Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication, have had the same under consideration. Your committee have not been able to procure the papers in the case for examination, but if the representation of facts connected with the trial which has been made to them be true, they have no hesitation in saying that they would recommend that a new trial be ordered. That the matter may receive the proper attention, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the M.:W.: Grand Master be authorized to hear the application of D. N. ALLAN for a new trial in the case in which he was expelled by *Iowa Hill* Lodge, No. 63, and to order such new trial of the case in such Lodge as he may select, should he deem it right and just to grant the same.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES L. ENGLISH,	} Committee.
L. BATES,	
E. W. ROBERTS,	
CHARLES RAISH,	

To the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of California:—

Your Committee, to whom was referred the appeal of CHARLES B. UHL, in the matter of his suspension by *Western Star* Lodge, No. 2, have had the same under consideration. The error complained of is that hearsay evidence was received. The evidence upon which the verdict was rendered not having been sent up with the papers, we have no means of ascertaining whether the alleged error is true, or whether there was sufficient testimony independent of any hearsay evidence, to sustain the verdict. The accused, in taking the appeal, did all that he was required to do. It was the duty of the Lodge to have sent up the evidence. That having been neglected, the accused should not be made to suffer or be deprived of his rights by having his sentence confirmed without a review of the proceedings. As that cannot be had at this session of the Grand Lodge, we deem it better to reverse the sentence and send the case back for a new trial. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the suspension of CHARLES B. UHL, be and the same is hereby reversed and set aside, and that the case be remanded for a new trial.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES L. ENGLISH,	} Committee.
L. BATES,	
E. W. ROBERTS,	
CHARLES RAISH,	

All which reports were received and concurred in, and the resolutions accompanying them were adopted.

Bro. P. W. SHEPHEARD, from the special committee to whom was referred the report of the Trustees of the Masonic Hall Fund, presented the following report:—

To the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of California:—

Your Committee, to whom was referred the report of the Trustees of the Masonic Hall Fund, respectfully report that they have examined the securities and papers therewith presented, and recommend that the action of the Trustees be fully approved.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

P. W. SHEPHEARD,	} Committee.
A. D. ROCK,	
L. REYNOLDS,	

Which report was received and concurred in.

Bro. A. MARTIN, from the special committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's Address relative to the communication from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, in regard to the purchase of Mount Vernon, presented the following report :—

To the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of California :—

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Circular of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, relative to the purchase of Mount Vernon, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report as follows :—

That, as the object sought for is one which must commend itself to the heart of every Mason, they think they but speak the true sentiments of all those within this jurisdiction, when they say that each will claim the privilege of contributing his mite to an object so worthy. They therefore take pleasure in submitting the following resolution :—

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will most cheerfully co-operate with the Grand Lodge of Virginia in the purchase of Mount Vernon, and will take action to raise its proportion of the money necessary, as soon as the other Grand Lodges of the United States have signified their intention to do likewise.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. MARTIN,
H. F. WILLIAMS, } *Committee.*
H. A. HIGLEY,

Which report was received and concurred in, and the accompanying resolution was adopted.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 7 o'clock this evening.

In Grand Lodge.

EVENING SESSION, }
Saturday, May 15th, A. L. 5858. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 7 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Master presiding.

Bro. CHAS. MARSH, from the special committee to whom was referred the memorial of Bro. J. R. ATKINS, presented the following report :—

To the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of California :—

Your Committee, to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. JOHN R. ATKINS from the action of *Sacramento* Lodge, No. 40, relative to a dismissal of certain charges preferred by him against a member of said Lodge, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully report that they find the facts to be as follows :—

Sacramento Lodge, No. 40, entertained the charges preferred by the complainant, and a trial was had according to the regulations of this Grand Lodge, which resulted in the acquittal of the brother against whom the charges were preferred. Your committee, after a careful examination, can find no informality in the trial of said charges, which, in their opinion, is sufficient to justify interference on the part of the Grand Lodge; and they therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. MARSH,
THOMAS P. HAWLEY, } Committee.
E. W. ROBERTS.

Which report was received and concurred in.

Bro. J. W. BICKNELL, from the special committee to whom was referred the report of the Grand Secretary relative to contributions for a testimonial to Past Grand Master WM. H. HOWARD, presented the following report:—

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of California:—

Your Committee, to whom was referred the report of the Grand Secretary, relative to the contributions for a testimonial to Past Grand Master W. H. HOWARD, beg leave to report, that they find, upon examination, that the sum of one thousand and eighty-one dollars and seventy-five cents has been received by the Grand Secretary; that the sum of four hundred dollars of said amount has been expended in the purchase of a gold watch, as a suitable testimonial to be presented to our esteemed Past Grand Master; and that the remainder has been paid over to him. They would, therefore, recommend that the above action be approved, and that the testimonial procured be presented to Past Grand Master HOWARD in open Grand Lodge, by the M.: W.: Grand Master, during its present Communication.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. W. BICKNELL, } Committee.
URIAH EDWARDS, }
J. R. ELLIS,

Which report was received and concurred in.

Bro. J. L. ENGLISH, from the Committee on Grievances, presented the following report:—

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of California:—

Your Committee, to whom was referred the resolution offered by Bro. H. J. BRADLEY, concerning the expulsion of GEORGE W. SHARP, by *Plumas* Lodge, No. 60, in the winter of 1855, have had the same under consideration, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:—

Resolved, That *Plumas* Lodge, No. 60, be and is hereby required to notify immediately the various Lodges within this jurisdiction, of the expulsion of GEORGE W. SHARP, by said Lodge, and to send up to the Grand Lodge a certified copy of the proceedings and evidence in the case of the trial of said GEORGE W. SHARP.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby instructed to transmit a copy of the foregoing resolution, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, to *Plumas* Lodge, No. 60, immediately.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES L. ENGLISH, } Committee.
E. W. ROBERTS, }
CHARLES RAISH, }
L. BATES,

Which report was received and concurred in, and the resolutions accompanying it were adopted.

On motion of Bro. L. C. OWEN, Past Grand Master WM. H. HOWARD was invited to install the Grand officers for the coming year.

The Grand Master elect announced the following appointments for the ensuing Masonic year, viz. :—

As Grand Chaplain.....	Bro. WM. H. HILL.....	of <i>Sacramento</i>	Lodge, No. 40.
" Grand Orator	" JAS. L. ENGLISH....	of <i>Sacramento</i>	" " 40.
" Asst. Grand Secretary..	" L. C. OWEN.....	of <i>Golden Gate</i>	" " 30.
" Grand Marshal.....	" THOS. P. HAWLEY..	of <i>Nevada</i>	" " 16.
" Grand Standard Bearer	" JOHN M. TINGLEY..	of <i>St. Louis</i>	" " 86.
" Grand Sword Bearer...	" ISAAC N. BARNES..	of <i>El Dorado</i>	" " 26.
" Grand Bible Bearer...	" GEORGE C. YOUNT..	of <i>Caymus</i>	" " 93.
" Senior Grand Deacon...	" WM. MCKEAN.....	of <i>Mount Zion</i>	" " 114.
" Junior Grand Deacon...	" E. H. VAN DECAR..	of <i>Ionic</i>	" " 121.
" Grand Stewards }	" GILBERT LANPHER..	of <i>Owen</i>	" " 108.
" Grand Organist.....	" LEWIS REYNOLDS..	of <i>Mountain Shade</i>	" " 18.
" Grand Pursuivant.....	" HENRY L. DAVIS..	of <i>Mount Moriah</i>	" " 44.
" Grand Tyler.....	" N. DENNIS WITT...	of <i>Table Mountain</i>	" " 124.
	" O. D. CHAFEE....	of <i>Tehama</i>	" " 3.

Past Grand Master WM. H. HOWARD then installed the several elected and appointed officers of the Grand Lodge in their respective stations and places.

On motion of Bro. A. G. ABELL, the R. W. ISAAC DAVIS, Past Grand Lecturer was invited to exemplify the work, whereupon he delivered the lecture in the third degree.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until Monday, the seventeenth instant, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

In Grand Lodge.

MORNING SESSION, }
Monday, May 17th, A. L. 5858. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 10 o'clock, A. M., the Grand Master presiding.

After prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the minutes of the sessions of Saturday were read and approved.

The Committee on Credentials, having no further business, was discharged.

Bro. WM. H. HOWARD, from the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, presented the following reports :—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California :—

Your Committee, to whom was referred a resolution suggesting the repeal of Standing Resolution No. 3, beg leave to report that they do not recommend the repeal of said resolution, as they deem it both necessary and proper that the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, as well as all documents issued under its authority, and directed to its subordinates, should be read in open Lodge. They do recommend, however, that said resolution be amended so as to read as follows :—

Resolved, That every subordinate Lodge, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, be required to have read in open Lodge, under the direction of the Master, and within the period of three months from the time of their reception, the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge; and that all other documents issued under its authority and directed to its subordinates, be read at the next stated meeting after their reception.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. HOWARD, *Chairman*.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California :—

Your Committee, to whom was referred a resolution providing for the amending of Standing Resolution No. 34, so as "to include and discourage the use of Masonic emblems on business cards and jewelry," having given the subject due consideration, beg leave to report that they would not recommend any further legislation in reference to that subject; the resolution proposed to be amended being, in their opinion, sufficiently expressive of the unqualified disapproval by this Grand Lodge of such exhibitions. Your committee are moreover of opinion that the day is not far distant when the evil complained of will, in all probability, correct itself, as the general sentiment of the Craft is becoming more and more adverse to such displays, and as it is believed that they even now injure the exhibitor far more than they benefit him.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. HOWARD, *Chairman*.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California :—

Your Committee, to whom was referred two resolutions, relative to the deposit of demits by those who have already affiliated, or who may hereafter desire to affiliate with Lodges in this State, beg leave to report, that the object of the resolutions seems to be to prevent a recurrence of difficulties between Lodges in reference to membership; and although it is, to some extent, provided for in a resolution appended to a former report of your committee, yet, believing that it is the duty of a brother, when he affiliates with a Lodge, to deposit therein his certificate of withdrawal from the Lodge of which he was last a member, or give satisfactory reasons for not being in possession of one, they submit the following resolution :—

Resolved, That hereafter no Lodge shall admit a brother to membership until he shall have deposited with the Secretary his demit from the Lodge of which he was last a member, or shall have presented in writing, to be filed by the Secretary, good and sufficient reasons for not being enabled so to do.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. HOWARD, *Chairman*.

All which reports were received and concurred in, and the accompanying resolutions were adopted.

Bro. WM. H. HOWARD, from the same committee, also presented the following report :—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California :—

Your Committee, to whom was referred a resolution suggesting the repeal of Standing Resolution No. 22, having given the matter due consideration, beg leave to report that they do not see any impropriety in a Mason belonging to a subordinate Lodge in another jurisdiction as well as in this, "provided he be in good standing in his original Lodge, and pays his dues regularly in both." There is no general law of the Craft which would render such membership improper, and it must, therefore, be viewed in the light of its expediency alone ; and, as your committee are unable to point to an instance where difficulties have arisen in connexion with such membership, which were not attributable to other causes, they would recommend that Standing Resolution, No. 22, be left in its present shape.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. HOWARD, *Chairman.*

Which report was received, and the subject of which it treats was referred to the special committee appointed to revise the Standing Resolutions.

Bro. J. L. ENGLISH, from the Committee on Grievances, presented the following report :—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California :—

Your Committee, to whom was referred the notices of the expulsion of JOSEPH MAY, by *Mount Moriah* Lodge, No. 44, April twenty-fourth, 1858 ; of TERENCE KELLY, by *San Francisco* Lodge, No. 7, July tenth, 1857 ; of W. B. OLNSTEAD, by *Trinity* Lodge, No. 27, July thirteenth, 1857 ; of PHILIP HOWELL, by *Ophir* Lodge, No. 33, July third, 1857 ; of J. A. BOWDEN, by *Hiram* Lodge, No. 43, April twenty-ninth, 1858 ; of CHAS. LASALLE, by *Rising Star* Lodge, No. 83, October third, 1857 ; and of PHILIP McKENNA, by *Summit* Lodge, No. 112, September twenty-sixth, 1857, have had the same under consideration. Your committee have had no opportunity of examining the record of proceedings or evidence in any of these cases, and cannot recommend a confirmation of the sentences without such examination. Your committee think that in all cases of expulsion, as the sentence operates only as a suspension until confirmed by the Grand Lodge, a complete transcript of the record of the trial and of the evidence should be sent up to the Grand Lodge, for review, before it can be expected to confirm the sentence. Your committee therefore recommend that no action be had by the Grand Lodge in the cases named, at this Communication, and that the respective Lodges be required to send up the necessary transcripts. Your committee also think that the standing regulation of the Grand Lodge, relative to trials, should be amended in this respect, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :—

Resolved, That the respective Lodges named in this report be and are hereby required to send up to this Grand Lodge a complete transcript of the records of the proceedings and evidence in the cases of the several expulsions reported by them as named above.

Resolved, That Rule 6, Sec. 1, of the Regulations of the Grand Lodge, relative to trials, be amended by adding thereto the following :—"When the sentence is expulsion, even if no appeal be taken, a complete transcript of the proceedings and evidence shall be sent up to the Grand Lodge."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. L. ENGLISH, }
L. BATES, } *Committee.*
E. W. ROBERTS. }

Which report was received and concurred in, and the resolutions accompanying it were adopted.

Bro. L. C. OWEN, from the Committee on Returns of Lodges, presented the following report :—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California :—

The Committee on Returns of Lodges respectfully report that the returns of all the Lodges under this jurisdiction have been received in time for examination, and that with but two exceptions -- *Santa Cruz Lodge, No. 38, and Texas Lodge, No. 46,* — they are made in a neat and creditable manner, few of them requiring correction, and such correction being principally confined to errors in the report of dues. These, as corrected by your committee, are as follows :—

<i>California,</i>	No. 1.....	\$230 00	Amount brought forward,	\$3346 00
<i>Western Star,</i>	" 2.....	106 00	<i>Lebanon,</i>	No. 49..... 90 00
<i>Tehama,</i>	" 3.....	101 00	<i>Forbestown,</i>	" 50..... 39 00
<i>Benicia,</i>	" 5.....	50 00	<i>Illinoistown,</i>	" 51..... 35 00
<i>San Francisco,</i>	" 7.....	96 00	<i>Rough and Ready,</i>	" 52..... 65 00
<i>Tuolumne,</i>	" 8.....	81 00	<i>St. James,</i>	" 54..... 38 00
<i>Marysville,</i>	" 9.....	68 00	<i>Suisun,</i>	" 55..... 68 00
<i>San Jose,</i>	" 10.....	87 00	<i>Volcano,</i>	" 56..... 46 00
<i>Yount,</i>	" 12.....	47 00	<i>Santa Rosa,</i>	" 57..... 78 00
<i>Nevada,</i>	" 13.....	107 00	<i>Union,</i>	" 58..... 56 00
<i>Temple,</i>	" 14.....	27 00	<i>Gravel Range,</i>	" 59..... 70 00
<i>Eureka,</i>	" 16.....	25 00	<i>Plumas,</i>	" 60..... 57 00
<i>Parfaite Union,</i>	" 17.....	41 00	<i>Live Oak,</i>	" 61..... 17 00
<i>Mountain Shade,</i>	" 18.....	104 00	<i>Geo. Washington,</i>	" 62..... 57 00
<i>San Joaquin,</i>	" 19.....	53 00	<i>Iowa Hill,</i>	" 63..... 40 00
<i>Washington,</i>	" 20.....	103 00	<i>Natoma,</i>	" 64..... 41 00
<i>Hawaiian,</i>	" 21.....	95 00	<i>Amador,</i>	" 65..... 29 00
<i>Occidental,</i>	" 22.....	102 00	<i>Forest,</i>	" 66..... 115 00
<i>Madison,</i>	" 23.....	108 00	<i>Minnesota,</i>	" 67..... 77 00
<i>Mariposa,</i>	" 24.....	78 00	<i>Morning Star,</i>	" 68..... 66 00
<i>Georgetown,</i>	" 25.....	76 00	<i>Corinthian,</i>	" 69..... 58 00
<i>El Dorado,</i>	" 26.....	104 00	<i>Enterprise,</i>	" 70..... 76 00
<i>Trinity,</i>	" 27.....	91 00	<i>Nebraska,</i>	" 71..... 53 00
<i>Columbia,</i>	" 28.....	88 00	<i>E. K. Kane,</i>	" 72..... 65 00
<i>Diamond,</i>	" 29.....	41 00	<i>Tyro,</i>	" 73..... 32 00
<i>Golden Gate,</i>	" 30.....	152 00	<i>Wisconsin Hill,</i>	" 74..... 19 00
<i>Mokelumne,</i>	" 31.....	54 00	<i>Mountain Forest,</i>	" 75..... 84 00
<i>Gold Hill,</i>	" 32.....	38 00	<i>Bear Mountain,</i>	" 76..... 29 00
<i>Ophir,</i>	" 33.....	55 00	<i>Petaluma,</i>	" 77..... 101 00
<i>Santa Clara,</i>	" 34.....	38 00	<i>Calaveras,</i>	" 78..... 41 00
<i>San Diego,</i>	" 35.....	41 00	<i>Humboldt,</i>	" 79..... 23 00
<i>Butte,</i>	" 36.....	20 00	<i>Ione,</i>	" 80..... 40 00
<i>St. John's,</i>	" 37.....	57 00	<i>Yolo,</i>	" 81..... 31 00
<i>Santa Cruz,</i>	" 38.....	74 00	<i>Mountain,</i>	" 82..... 44 00
<i>Yuba,</i>	" 39.....	69 00	<i>Rising Star,</i>	" 83..... 87 00
<i>Sacramento,</i>	" 40.....	56 00	<i>Vesper,</i>	" 84..... 40 00
<i>Martinez,</i>	" 41.....	65 00	<i>Indian Diggings,</i>	" 85..... 39 00
<i>Los Angeles,</i>	" 42.....	95 00	<i>St. Louis,</i>	" 86..... 66 00
<i>Hiram,</i>	" 43.....	86 00	<i>Naval,</i>	" 87..... 58 00
<i>Mount Moriah,</i>	" 44.....	159 00	<i>Quitman,</i>	" 88..... 77 00
<i>Crescent,</i>	" 45.....	43 00	<i>Rose's Bar,</i>	" 89..... 38 00
<i>Texas,</i>	" 46.....	46 00	<i>Polar Star,</i>	" 90..... 15 00
<i>Michigan City,</i>	" 47.....	89 00	<i>North Star,</i>	" 91..... 66 00

Amount carried forward, \$3346 00

Amount carried forward, \$5612 00

Amount brought forward, \$5612 00			Amount brought forward, \$6573 00		
<i>Acacia</i> ,	No. 92.....	55 00	<i>Chico</i> ,	No. 111.....	61 00
<i>Caymus</i> ,	" 93.....	26 00	<i>Summit</i> ,	" 112.....	32 00
<i>Mount Hermon</i> ,	" 94.....	66 00	<i>Eden</i> ,	" 113.....	68 00
<i>Henry Clay</i> ,	" 95.....	44 00	<i>Mt. Zion</i> ,	" 114.....	121 00
<i>Howard</i> ,	" 96.....	67 00	<i>St. Mark's</i> ,	" 115.....	59 00
<i>Jefferson</i> ,	" 97.....	61 00	<i>Windsor</i> ,	" 116.....	41 00
<i>Quartzburg</i> ,	" 98.....	29 00	<i>Concord</i> ,	" 117.....	47 00
<i>La Grange</i> ,	" 99.....	45 00	<i>Vallejo</i> ,	U. D.	50 00
<i>Campo Seco</i> ,	" 100.....	51 00	<i>Clinton</i> ,	"	54 00
<i>Clay</i> ,	" 101.....	61 00	<i>Fidelity</i> ,	"	62 00
<i>Manzanita</i> ,	" 102.....	80 00	<i>Ionic</i> ,	"	59 00
<i>Oroville</i> ,	" 103.....	80 00	<i>Alamo</i> ,	"	26 00
<i>Lexington</i> ,	" 104.....	39 00	<i>Sotoyomi</i> ,	"	46 00
<i>Siskiyou</i> ,	" 105.....	24 00	<i>Table Mountain</i> ,	"	28 00
<i>Arcata</i> ,	" 106.....	50 00	<i>Progress</i> ,	"	42 00
<i>Mt. Jefferson</i> ,	" 107.....	35 00	<i>La Fayette</i> ,	"	28 00
<i>Owen</i> ,	" 108.....	78 00	<i>Hermann</i> ,	"	14 00
<i>Dibble</i> ,	" 109.....	44 00	<i>Visalia</i> ,	"	48 00
<i>Pajaro</i> ,	" 110.....	26 00	<i>Folsom</i> ,	"	35 00
Amount carried forward, \$6573 00					
Making the total amount of dues, \$7494 00					

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. C. OWEN,	} Committee.
J. B. HEWSON,	
A. T. NELSON,	
W. D. NEWTON,	
A. E. WAITS,	

Which report was received and concurred in.

Bro. A. G. ABELL offered the following resolution:—

Resolved, That in order to carry into effect the provision of Sec. 5, Art. XI., of the Constitution, the Grand Secretary be instructed to cause one hundred Past Masters' Diplomas to be prepared.

Which resolution was adopted.

The Grand Secretary presented a notice of the suspension of A. B. HAYWARD, a non-affiliated Mason, by *Lexington* Lodge, No. 104, on the twenty-fourth day of April, 1858; which was referred to the Committee on Grievances.

He also presented certain resolutions, unanimously adopted by *Polar Star* Lodge, No. 90, on the first day of May, 1858, surrendering the Charter of that Lodge in consequence of the great reduction of its membership by removal; which were received, and on his motion, the surrender was accepted, and *Polar Star* Lodge, No. 90, having paid all its dues and satisfactorily wound up its affairs, was declared extinct.

The Grand Master named Bro. JAS. L. ENGLISH as one of the committee to revise the Constitution and Standing Resolutions of the Grand Lodge, in his own stead.

Bro. JOHN F. MORSE, from the Committee on Finance and Accounts, presented the following report:—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—

Your Committee on Finance and Accounts respectfully recommend the following appropriations for the present fiscal year, and take occasion to state that they are intended to cover the entire expenses of the Grand Lodge during that period. It will be perceived that the appropriations amount to \$6,000, exclusive of the \$2,000 added to the Masonic Hall Fund; and it is believed that this sum will be sufficient to meet the disbursements for the year.

For expenses of Grand Officers, and of this Communication.....	\$500
For printing and contingent expenses of Grand Secretary's Office.....	2500
For salary of the Grand Secretary.....	2400
For salary of the Assistant Grand Secretary.....	400
For salary of the Grand Treasurer.....	100
For attendance and services of the Grand Tyler.....	100
For addition to the Masonic Hall Fund.....	2000
	\$8000

Your Committee suggest that, from the Grand Secretary's accounts and estimates, this schedule of appropriations will be amply sustained by the present and probable receipts.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN F. MORSE,	} Committee.
J. B. CARTER,	
J. W. BROWN,	
H. C. HARRISON,	

Which report was received and concurred in.

Bro E. W. ROBERTS offered the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the action of this Grand Lodge, on Saturday, the fifteenth instant, by which the report of the special committee to whom was referred the memorial of Bro. WM. GROVE DEAL was concurred in, and certain resolutions accompanying said report were adopted, be and is hereby rescinded.

Which resolution was adopted.

Whereupon Bro. JOHN F. MORSE offered the following preamble and resolution:—

Whereas, At the present Communication of this Grand Lodge, Bro. WM. GROVE DEAL has submitted an application for Masonic assistance, on account of the large outlays which he had made in relieving sick and distressed Masons of California, in 1849 and '50; and *whereas*, from an investigation of the merits of his claim, the Grand Lodge is fully convinced that his application should be earnestly recommended to the kind consideration of the subordinate Lodges,—with the hope that a general and substantial response may be given thereunto, it is

Resolved, That two hundred dollars be appropriated from the funds of this Grand Lodge to Bro. WM. GROVE DEAL, as a small acknowledgment of his past services in relieving the sick and distressed members of our Fraternity in the winter and spring of 1849 and '50; and that the M. W. Grand Master be requested to issue a circular to the subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction, containing the above preamble and this resolution, and requesting the brethren to take the claim of Bro. DEAL into their benevolent consideration.

Which preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted.

The Grand Secretary presented the following report of moneys received by him for account of the Grand Lodge from March 5th to May 17th, A. L. 5858, inclusive :—

For Dispensations to open new Lodges.

March 6.	From	Hermann Lodge, Grand Lodge Fee,	\$75 00
May 17.	"	Nicolaus " " " " " " " " " " " "	75 00
			\$150 00

For dues of the year ending March 4th, for Chartered Lodges, and May 1st, for Lodges under Dispensation.

March 5.	From	Geo. Washington Lodge, No. 62, on account,	\$ 55 00
" 5.	"	Hiram " " 43, " " " " " " " " " " " "	79 00
" 5.	"	Golden Gate " " 30, in full,	152 00
" 5.	"	Benicia " " 5, " " " " " " " " " " " "	47 00
" 6.	"	Summit " " 112, on account,	32 00
" 6.	"	Gravel Range " " 59, " " " " " " " " " " " "	67 00
" 8.	"	Howard " " 96, in full,	67 00
" 8.	"	Jefferson " " 97, on account,	55 00
" 8.	"	San Francisco " " 7, in full,	96 00
" 9.	"	Ophir " " 33, " " " " " " " " " " " "	55 00
" 9.	"	St. John's " " 37, " " " " " " " " " " " "	57 00
" 10.	"	Natoma " " 64, " " " " " " " " " " " "	41 00
" 11.	"	Polar Star " " 90, on account, for 1857-58,	15 00
" 11.	"	San Diego " " 35, " " " " " " " " " " " "	41 00
" 12.	"	Caymus " " 93, in full,	26 00
" 13.	"	Washington " " 20, balance in full for 1857,	137 50
" 13.	"	California " " 1, in full,	230 00
" 15.	"	Mount Hermon " " 94, on account,	63 00
" 15.	"	Volcano " " 56, bal. in full for 1857-58,	123 00
" 15.	"	Owen " " 108, in full,	78 00
" 16.	"	Arcata " " 106, " " " " " " " " " " " "	50 00
" 18.	"	Humboldt " " 79, on account, for 1857-58,	25 00
" 19.	"	Parfaite Union " " 17, in full,	41 00
" 19.	"	Mokelumne " " 31, " " " " " " " " " " " "	57 00
" 20.	"	Forbestown " " 50, on account,	31 00
" 20.	"	Siskiyou " " 105, in full,	27 00
" 23.	"	Occidental " " 22, " " " " " " " " " " " "	102 00
" 24.	"	Columbia " " 28, on account,	82 00
" 26.	"	Western Star " " 2, " " " " " " " " " " " "	94 00
" 27.	"	Los Angeles " " 42, " " " " " " " " " " " "	88 00
" 27.	"	Lexington " " 104, " " " " " " " " " " " "	34 00
" 29.	"	Henry Clay " " 95, in full,	32 00
April 1.	"	Live Oak " " 61, " " " " for 1857,	27 00
" 1.	"	Mariposa " " 24, " " " " " " " " " " " "	76 00
" 6.	"	Yount " " 12, on account,	45 00
" 6.	"	Iowa Hill " " 63, am't pd. after sur. Char.,	92 50
" 14.	"	Trinity " " 27, in full,	89 00
" 14.	"	Rough and Ready " " 52, " " " " " " " " " " " "	65 00
" 16.	"	Union " " 58, on account,	44 00
" 16.	"	Bear Mountain " " 76, in full,	28 00
" 16.	"	Crescent " " 45, " " " " " " " " " " " "	43 00
" 22.	"	Temple " " 14, on account,	22 00
May 2.	"	Campo Seco " " 100, in full,	51 00
" 3.	"	Suisun " " 55, on account,	68 00
" 4.	"	Mountain Shade " " 18, " " " " " " " " " " " "	102 00
Amount carried forward,			\$2932 00

Amount brought forward.....				\$2932 00
May	4.	From Pajaro - Lodge, No. 110, in full,		26 00
"	4.	" Mount Jefferson " " 107, " "		35 00
"	4.	" Hermann " " U. D., " "		14 00
"	5.	" Rose's Bar " No. 89, " "		38 00
"	5.	" E. K. Kane " " 72, on account,		63 00
"	7.	" La Grange " " 99, " " for 1857-58,		120 00
"	10.	" Plumas " " 60, " "		55 00
"	10.	" Vallecito " " U. D., " "		34 00
"	10.	" Visalia " " U. D., in full,		48 00
"	10.	" Clinton " " U. D., " "		54 00
"	10.	" St. Mark's " No. 115, on account,		59 00
"	10.	" Nevada " " 13, in full,		106 00
"	11.	" Petaluma " " 77, " "		101 00
"	11.	" Manzanita " " 102, on account,		80 00
"	11.	" Live Oak " " 61, in full,		17 00
"	11.	" Butte " " 36, " "		19 00
"	11.	" San Jose " " 10, " "		87 00
"	11.	" Madison " " 23, " "		95 00
"	11.	" Quilman " " 88, " "		77 00
"	11.	" Gold Hill " " 32, " "		38 00
"	11.	" Forest " " 66, " "		115 00
"	11.	" Mt. Zion " " 114, " "		121 00
"	11.	" Georgetown " " 25, " "		76 00
"	11.	" Yuba " " 39, " "		69 00
"	11.	" Rising Star " " 83, " "		87 00
"	11.	" Windsor " " 116, " "		41 00
"	11.	" Corinthian " " 69, " "		58 00
"	11.	" Amador " " 65, " "		29 00
"	11.	" Santa Cruz " " 38, " "		74 00
"	11.	" Yolo " " 81, " "		31 00
"	11.	" Tyro " " 73, " "		31 00
"	11.	" Santa Rosa " " 57, " " for 1857-58,....		143 00
"	11.	" Naval " " 87, " "		58 00
"	11.	" San Joaquin " " 19, " "		53 00
"	11.	" Marysville " " 9, " "		68 00
"	12.	" Minnesota " " 67, " "		77 00
"	12.	" Eureka " " 16, " " for 1857-58,....		29 00
"	12.	" La Fayette " " U. D., " "		28 00
"	12.	" Acacia " " No. 92, " "		55 00
"	12.	" Enterprise " " 70, " "		76 00
"	12.	" Indian Diggings " " 85, " "		39 00
"	12.	" St. James " " 54, " "		38 00
"	12.	" Diamond " " 29, " "		41 00
"	12.	" Chico " " 111, " " for 1857-58,....		74 00
"	13.	" Texas " " 46, " "		46 00
"	13.	" Morning Star " " 68, " "		65 00
"	13.	" Washington " " 20, " "		103 00
"	13.	" Mountain Forest " " 75, " "		84 00
"	13.	" Polar Star " " 90, balance in full,.....		2 00
"	13.	" Mount Moriah " " 44, in full,		159 00
"	14.	" Martinez " " 41, " "		65 00
"	14.	" Tehama " " 3, " "		214 00
"	14.	" Dibble " " 109, " "		44 00
"	14.	" Oroville " " 103, " "		80 00
"	15.	" North Star " " 91, " "		66 00
"	15.	" Folsom " " U. D., " " to sur. of Dispen.,		38 25
"	15.	" Quartzburg " " No. 98, " "		34 00

Amount carried forward,..... \$6609 25

Amount brought forward,.....				\$6609 25
May 15.	From <i>El Dorado</i>	Lodge, No. 26, in full,.....		104 00
" 15.	" <i>Mountain</i>	" " 82, " "		44 00
" 15.	" <i>Ione</i>	" " 80, " "		40 00
" 15.	" <i>Eden</i>	" " 113, " "		68 00
" 17.	" <i>Alamo</i>	" U. D., " "		26 00
" 17.	" <i>Vesper</i>	" No. 84, " "		40 00
" 17.	" <i>Clay</i>	" " 101, on account,.....		52 00
" 17.	" <i>Illinoistown</i>	" " 51, in full,....		35 00
				\$7018 25

For Charters ordered at this Communication.

May 10.	From	<i>Vallecito</i>	-	Lodge, U. D.,	Grand Lodge Fee,	.....	\$50 00
" 14.	"	<i>Clinton</i>	"	"	"	"	50 00
" 14.	"	<i>Table Mountain</i>	"	"	"	"	50 00
" 15.	"	<i>La Fayette</i>	"	"	"	"	50 00
" 17.	"	<i>Alamo</i>	"	"	"	"	50 00
/							
							\$250 00

RECAPITULATION.

To May 17,	Cash received for Dispensations,.....	\$150 00
" " 17,	" " " Dues, ...	7018 25
" " 17,	" " " Charters,.....	250 00

Total amount received,..... \$7418 25

Which sum has been paid over to the Grand Treasurer, as will be seen from his receipts herewith presented.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALEX. G. ABELL, *Grand Secretary.*

The report was received, and with the Secretary's books, was referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

Bro. W. H. HOWARD, from the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, reported back the resolution of inquiry as to the position of Masons stricken from the rolls of membership, with the recommendation that it be referred to a special committee; which recommendation was concurred in, and the Grand Master named the following brethren as such committee—

On the position of Masons Stricken from the Roll: { Bro. E. W. Roberts,
" John F. Morse,
" A. D. Park.

In accordance with the recommendation contained in the report of a special committee, submitted at the evening session of Saturday, the fifteenth instant, the Grand Master, on behalf of the Fraternity within this jurisdiction, presented to Past Grand Master Wm. H. HOWARD a beautiful gold watch, which had been provided for that purpose under the resolutions adopted by the Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication. The presentation was accompanied by a

brief address from the Grand Master, expressive of the high esteem in which he, and the Fraternity whom he represented, held the recipient of the testimonial, which was appropriately responded to by Bro. HOWARD.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 2 o'clock, this afternoon.

In Grand Lodge.

AFTERNOON SESSION,
Monday, May 17th, A. L. 5858. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 2 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Master presiding.

Bro. JOHN F. MORSE, from the Committee on Finance and Accounts, presented the following report:—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—

Your Committee, to whom was referred the supplemental account of the Grand Secretary, report that they have examined the same, and find that, from the fifth day of March to this date, he has received the sum of \$7418 25, which he has paid over to the Grand Treasurer, and taken his receipt therefor.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN F. MORSE,	} Committee.
J. B. CARTER,	
J. W. BROWN,	
H. C. HARRISON.	

Which report was received and concurred in.

Bro. E. H. VAN DECAR, from the special committee to whom were referred certain papers relative to a former committee appointed for the purpose of procuring subscriptions for a stone for the National Washington Monument, presented the following report:—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—

Your Committee, to whom was assigned the duty of ascertaining the amount of money contributed by Lodges and brethren in this jurisdiction, to procure a suitable stone for the National Washington Monument, beg leave to submit the following report:—

We find that the committee, previously appointed by this Grand Lodge to receive such contributions, have reported only the sum of twenty dollars as received by them. We are informed that other sums have been contributed by various Lodges, but are unable to ascertain the amount thus contributed, or to whom such contributions have been paid. We therefore submit the following resolution:—

Resolved, That all Lodges and brethren under this jurisdiction, who have contributed moneys for procuring a stone for the National Washington Monument,

notify the Grand Secretary of the amount of their contributions, and to whom the same was remitted or paid ; and that the Grand Secretary report such information as he may receive, at the next Annual Communication.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. H. VAN DECAR, }
S. W. LANGTON, } *Committee.*

Which report was received and concurred in and the resolution was adopted.

Bro. E. W. ROBERTS, from the special committee to whom was referred the consideration of the position occupied by Masons stricken from the rolls of membership, presented the following report :

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California :—

Your Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of enquiry presented by Bro. P. O. CLAYTON, beg leave to report that, in their opinion, members stricken from the roll for non-payment of dues should be considered as deprived of all the rights, privileges and benefits of Masonry within this jurisdiction, during the time they remain in that condition.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. W. ROBERTS, }
JOHN F. MORSE, } *Committee.*
A. D. PARK,

Which report was received, and the subject of which it treats was referred to the committee appointed to revise the Constitution and Standing Resolutions.

Bro. JAMES L. ENGLISH, from the Committee on Grievances, presented the following reports :—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California :—

Your Committee, to whom was referred the notice of the suspension of A. B. HAYWARD, by *Lexington* Lodge, No. 104, April twenty-fourth, 1858, and of G. A. WILSON, by *Minnesota* Lodge, No. 67, April nineteenth, 1858, have had the same under consideration, and find that no action is required by this Grand Lodge in relation thereto.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES L. ENGLISH, }
L. BATES, } *Committee.*
E. W. ROBERTS,

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California :—

Your Committee, to whom was referred the appeal of PETER BROSS, in the matter of his expulsion by *Nebraska* Lodge, No. 71 ; as also the appeal of HENRY BLAIR, in the matter of his suspension by the same Lodge, have had the same under consideration. The committee have had no opportunity to review the proceedings in either of these cases, as the Lodge has neglected to send up transcripts thereof ; and, as the accused should not be prejudiced in their rights by the neglect of the Lodge to perform its duty, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the expulsion of PETER BROSS, and the suspension of HENRY BLAIR, by *Nebraska* Lodge, No. 71, be reversed and set aside, and that the case be remanded for further proceedings.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES L. ENGLISH, }
L. BATES, } *Committee.*
E. W. ROBERTS,

Both which reports were received and concurred in, and the resolution accompanying the last was adopted.

The various standing and special committees, having reported upon all the subjects submitted for their consideration, were severally discharged.

The Grand Master announced the following committee —

<i>On Foreign Correspondence</i>	{	Bro. Alex. G. Abell,
		“ Thos. P. Hawley,
		“ Louis Cohn,
		“ Aaron D. Park,
		“ Jonas W. Brown.

He also announced that the following named brethren constituted the committee —

<i>On the Revision of the Constitution and Standing Resolutions.</i>	{	Bro. Alex. G. Abell,
		“ James L. English,
		“ Rector E. Cole,
		“ John F. Morse,
		“ L. C. Owen.

He also announced that Charters had been issued to the following named Lodges during this Communication, viz :—to

<i>Vallecito</i>	— —	Lodge, No. 118.....	at Vallecito,.....	Calaveras County.
<i>Clinton</i>	“	“ 119.....	“ Horsetown,.....	Shasta “
<i>Fidelity</i>	“	“ 120.....	“ San Francisco,.....	San Francisco “
<i>Ionic</i>	“	“ 121.....	“ Iowa Hill,.....	Placer “
<i>Alamo</i>	“	“ 122.....	“ Alamo,.....	Contra Costa “
<i>Sotoyomi</i>	“	“ 123.....	“ Healdsburg,.....	Sonoma “
<i>Table Mountain</i>	“	“ 124.....	“ Oroville,.....	Butte “
<i>Progress</i>	“	“ 125.....	“ San Francisco,.....	San Francisco “
<i>La Fayette</i>	“	“ 126.....	“ Anally Township,...	Sonoma “
<i>Hermann</i>	“	“ 127.....	“ San Francisco,.....	San Francisco “

The following resolution was unanimously adopted :—

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge justly and highly appreciates the able, dignified and impartial manner in which the Grand Master has presided over its deliberations during this Communication.

The business being all completed, after prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the *M. W.* Grand Lodge of California was closed in **Ample Form**.

N. GREENE CURTIS, *Grand Master*.

ALEX. G. ABELL, *Grand Secretary*.

STATEMENT

Of Receipts by the Grand Secretary from the 18th to the 31st day of May, A. L. 5858, inclusive.

May 18.	From Concord Lodge,	No. 117,	dues in full to 4th March.....	\$47 00
" 19.	" Progress	" "	125, Charter fee and dues to 1st May, 92 00	
" "	" Hermann	" "	127, Charter fee,.....	50 00
" 29.	" Santa Clara	" "	34, dues on account to 4th March,...	38 00
" 31.	" Fidelity	" "	120, Charter fee and dues to 1st May,...	112 00
				\$339 00

STATEMENT

Of balances to the debit and credit of Lodges on the 31st day of May, A. L. 5858, as per books of the Grand Secretary.

			Dr.	Cr.
Western Star	- -	Lodge, No. 2,.....	\$12 00	---
Tuolumne	" "	8,.....	81 00	---
Yount	" "	12,.....	2 00	---
Temple	" "	14,.....	3 00	---
Mountain Shade	" "	18,.....	2 00	---
Madison	" "	23,.....	13 00	---
Columbia	" "	28,.....	6 00	---
Mokelumne	" "	31,.....		3 00
Santa Clara	" "	34,.....	5 00	---
San Diego	" "	35,.....	2 00	---
Sacramento	" "	40,.....	56 00	---
Los Angeles	" "	42,.....	7 00	---
Hiram	" "	43,.....	7 00	---
Forbestown	" "	50,.....	8 00	---
Illinoistown	" "	51,.....		3 00
Union	" "	58,.....	12 00	---
Gravel Range	" "	59,.....	3 00	---
Plumas	" "	60,.....	2 00	---
George Washington	" "	62,.....	2 00	---
Nebraska	" "	71,.....	108 50	---
E. K. Kane	" "	72,.....	2 00	---
Calaveras	" "	78,.....	41 00	---
Humboldt	" "	79,.....	3 00	---
Saint Louis	" "	86,.....	66 00	---
Mount Hermon	" "	94,.....	3 00	---
Jefferson	" "	97,.....	3 00	---
Quartzburg	" "	98,.....		5 00
La Grange	" "	99,.....	3 00	---
Clay	" "	101,.....	9 00	---
Manzanita	" "	102,.....	3 00	---
Lexington	" "	104,.....	5 00	---
Siskiyou	" "	105,.....		3 00
Vallecito	" "	118,.....	16 00	---
Ionic	" "	121,.....	109 00	---
Sotoyomi	" "	123,.....	96 00	---
Table Mountain	" "	124,.....	28 00	---

LETTER

From the Lodge *Clemente Amitié*, in Paris, which was ordered to be printed with the proceedings, for the information of the Lodges. See page 329 of the Journal :—

TO THE GLORY OF THE GRAND ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE.

UNION—BENEVOLENCE:

The Respectable Lodge, Chapter, and Areopagus, Clémente Amitié—

ORIENT OF PARIS,
Jan. 12, A. L. 5858, A. D. 1858. }

*To the Very Illustrious and Very Respectable
Grand Master of the Respectable Grand Lodge
of Ancient Masons for the State of California.*

VERY RESPECTABLE GRAND MASTER,

The members of our Craft in the two hemispheres form but one family, and you will not be surprised if we presume, in rendering homage to your eminent merit, to transmit to you evidences of our respectful consideration, our unalterable confidence, and our constant friendship.

We have entrusted the present communication to Bro. FINANCE, an esteemed merchant of your Orient, who will also deliver to you certain publications of our labors, and a diploma constituting you an honorary member of our Lodge, one of the most beautiful and recommendable of the Orient of Paris. We pray you also to have the kindness to transmit to our very dear Bro. A. G. ABELL, the accompanying diploma, constituting him also an honorary member of our Lodge, in testimony of our appreciation of his Masonic labors.

After having rendered to your high position in the Order, the homage justly due, you will doubtless permit us to develop a proposition, which, if it be entertained, will contribute not only to the advancement of the humane mission to which we have devoted ourselves, but will prove that Masons, wherever distributed upon the surface of the globe, never let pass an opportunity for assisting each other and for rendering aid in all good works.

Six months ago this Lodge took under its protection an Orphan Asylum, conducted by a respectable minister in one of the small parishes in the environs of the Capital. It has commenced by completely clothing forty-five young girls, to whom education and employment shall hereafter not be wanting. The ceremony of taking the habit of the institution reunited the clergy, the magistracy, the army, and the Masonic Order, in one great communion; and the day was signalized by an act of piety of our brother JOUBEET, a lieutenant of artillery, who was miraculously preserved from the explosion of a magazine at the capture of the Malakoff, and who dedicated his Cross of the Legion of Honor to the Virgin Protectress of the Asylum. This ceremony has been perpetuated in a picture from the pencil of our brother FÉCATIS, containing thirty portraits drawn from life, which will be lithographed, and the copies distributed among those of our brethren who will aid us in the enterprise we have undertaken.

The Asylum is now under our direction, and we provide for its necessary expenses. Monsieur de MOEGIS, Procureur-General of the Imperial Court of Dijon, offers us, at a very reasonable price, a chateau which he possesses in the environs, and to which we would be glad to remove the institution. We desire to effect the purchase, and to endow the Fraternity of France with an Asylum for the daughters of Freemasons; but we wish to do it with the aid of our foreign brethren, to prove to our fellow-citizens how good and generous they are, and that our ancient Institution is not benevolent in theory only, like many others of the present time.

To carry out our conception, we propose the following inducements :— Every Lodge and every brother subscribing and paying \$40 per annum for five years—say \$200,—will have its or his name and titles inscribed in letters of gold upon a marble tablet in the principal hall of the Asylum—will receive a silver medal commemorative of its establishment—will be considered one of its founders—and will be entitled to a lithograph of the picture before named, to all the publications concerning the institution, and to a copy of the work of Lieutenant JOUBEET. Every Lodge and every brother subscribing and paying \$20 at once, will have its or his name recorded as a subscriber in a register kept at the Asylum, will receive a bronze medal, and will be entitled to the publications, the lithograph, and the memoir of Lieutenant JOUBEET, above named.

We pray you to present this proposition to the Grand Lodge which has the good fortune to possess you for its presiding officer, and to direct your worthy and learned Grand Secretary to suggest it to all the Lodges within your jurisdiction. If your truly masonic heart will take this request into consideration, we are certain in advance that California will not remain behind in the good work, and that we shall be enabled to inscribe you as one of the firmest supports of an undertaking such as France has not seen for a hundred and fifty years.

Pardon us, Very Illustrious Grand Master, for having thus occupied a few moments of your valuable time; but your renown has reached us, and we know that of all the Grand Masters who are doing so much for the glory of American Masonry—that great and useful Masonry—you are one in whom neither zeal nor willingness will be wanting. Be pleased to accept our sincere wishes for your health and prosperity.

Your very affectionate and devoted brother,

LE BLANC DE MARÇONNAY. 33d.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons

OF THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

AS AMENDED MAY, A. L. 5857.

ARTICLE I.

STYLE AND TITLE.

SECTION 1. The style and title of this Grand Lodge shall be, "The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California."

ARTICLE II.

RANK AND TITLE OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. The Grand Lodge shall consist of the following officers and members :—

The Most Worshipful Grand Master,
 The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master,
 The Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden,
 The Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden,
 The Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer,
 The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary,
 A Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain.
 A Grand Marshal,
 A Grand Standard Bearer.
 A Grand Sword Bearer,
 A Senior Grand Deacon,
 A Junior Grand Deacon,
 Two Grand Stewards,
 A Grand Tyler,

And such other officers as the Grand Lodge from time to time may elect or appoint ; together with

The Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters,
 The Right Worshipful Past Deputy Grand Masters,
 The Right Worshipful Past Grand Wardens,
 The Right Worshipful Past Grand Treasurers,
 And the Right Worshipful Past Grand Secretaries,

who remain members of Lodges under this jurisdiction ; and of the Worshipful Masters and Wardens, for the time being, of the several chartered and consti-

tuted Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, or their legally appointed proxies, and the Past Masters, members of Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE III.

MEETINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

SECTION 1. The Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge shall be held in the City of Sacramento, on the second Tuesday of May, in each year.

SEC. 2. The Grand Master, (or in his absence from the State, or inability to attend, the Deputy Grand Master,) upon the application of the presiding officers of any three Lodges under this jurisdiction, shall call special meetings of the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE IV.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer, and Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, shall be elected at each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, on the fourth day of its sitting, and shall hold their respective offices until their successors are duly elected and installed. A majority of all the votes cast at an election for Grand Officers, shall be necessary for a choice. All other Grand Officers shall be appointed in such manner as the Grand Lodge may direct.

SEC. 2. No brother shall be eligible to an elective office unless he is a Present or Past Master, nor entitled to membership in the Grand Lodge, unless a member of a subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction.

ARTICLE V.

VOTING.

SECTION 1. Each of the Grand Officers for the time being, and every elective Past Grand Officer present at a meeting of the Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to one vote. Each Lodge shall be entitled to three votes by its proper officers, or in their absence, their proper representatives; and the Past Masters, by service, of each Lodge, collectively, to one vote. No member, of his own right, shall be entitled to more than one vote.

SEC. 2. In all questions except those decided by ballot, in the event of a tie, the presiding officer shall have the casting vote.

SEC. 3. No Lodge under this jurisdiction and within this State, shall be represented by a proxy who is not a member of the Lodge.

ARTICLE VI.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. At each meeting of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master or presiding officer shall appoint the following committees, each to consist of not less than three nor more than five members, viz. :—

- A Committee on Credentials.
- A Committee on Grievances.
- A Committee on Unfinished Business.
- A Committee on Finance and Accounts.
- A Committee on Foreign Correspondence.
- A Committee on Dispensations and Charters.
- A Committee on Work.
- A Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.
- A Committee on Education.
- A Committee on By-Laws.

ARTICLE VII.

GRAND OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The Grand Master, or, in the event of his absence from the State, or inability from any cause, the Deputy Grand Master, may, upon

the petition of seven or more Master Masons, properly recommended by the nearest or most convenient Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, working under Charter, grant Dispensations to form new Lodges within the limits of this State, or in the adjoining Territories, where no Grand Lodge exists; which Dispensation shall be returnable at the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, when the Grand Lodge may order a perpetual Charter, or continue the Dispensation until the next Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge: *Provided*, That when application is made for a Dispensation to form a new Lodge in a town or city, the recommendation of a majority of all the Lodges in such town or city shall, in every instance, accompany the petition; and no Dispensation shall be issued to the petitioners, unless their petition be also accompanied by the certificate of the Worshipful Master of each Lodge recommending it, that the Worshipful Master named in said petition is fully competent to confer the three degrees of Masonry.

SEC. 2. On the first day of the Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge, or as soon thereafter as possible, the Grand Master shall lay before the Grand Lodge a written message, therein detailing an account of his official acts during the recess, and the state and condition of Masonry in his jurisdiction; and shall recommend to the Grand Lodge such measures as he may deem expedient and necessary.

SEC. 3. The Deputy Grand Master shall also report, in writing, at every Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, all his acts and doings, relating to his office during the vacation.

SEC. 4. The Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Grand Tyler shall receive such compensation for their services as the Grand Lodge may, from time to time, determine.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to pay over to the Grand Treasurer all moneys in his hands belonging to the Grand Lodge, at each Annual Communication, and quarterly during the recess thereof; and render an account of the same at each Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 6. The Grand Treasurer shall receive all moneys from the Grand Secretary, belonging to the Grand Lodge, keep a correct record thereof, and at each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, shall render an account of all his receipts and disbursements; but no disbursement shall be made by him without an order from the Grand Lodge, signed by the presiding officer and the Grand Secretary, except as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 7. The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, prior to their installation, shall execute, respectively, to the Grand Master, or, in his absence, to the Deputy Grand Master, for the time being, to the use of the Grand Lodge, a bond, with such security and for such sum as the Grand Master, or, in his absence, the Deputy Grand Master, may approve, conditioned for the faithful discharge of their respective duties.

SEC. 8. All other Grand Officers receiving funds belonging to the Grand Lodge, shall immediately transmit the same to the Grand Secretary.

ARTICLE VIII.

POWERS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

SECTION 1. The Grand Lodge has original and exclusive jurisdiction over all subjects of Masonic legislation, and appellate jurisdiction only from the decisions of the subordinate Lodges; and its enactments and decisions upon all questions shall be the supreme Masonic law of the State. It shall also prescribe such rules and regulations for the government of the subordinate Lodges, as will, in its judgment, conduce to the welfare, prosperity and happiness of the Craft; and may grant Dispensations and Charters for the establishment of new Lodges, and may revoke and annul the same, for such causes as it may deem sufficient. It shall prescribe the manner, and shall require a uniform mode of working; and may require from the subordinate Lodges, such reasonable dues and fees, as will at all times discharge the engagements of the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE IX.

REVENUE.

SECTION 1. The fee for instituting a subordinate Lodge, shall be one hundred and twenty-five dollars; seventy-five dollars of which shall be paid on the issuing of the Dispensation, and fifteen dollars to the Grand Secretary; and fifty dollars when the Charter is granted, and ten dollars to the Grand Secretary for engrossing the same, and affixing thereunto the seal of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 2. Each Lodge shall pay into the treasury of the Grand Lodge the sum of one dollar for each degree conferred on candidates, the sum of one dollar for each adjoining member, and one dollar annually for each contributing member.

SEC. 3. There shall be paid into the hands of the Grand Secretary five dollars by the applicant, for every diploma granted to a member of a Subordinate Lodge, (four dollars for the Grand Secretary;) but no diploma shall issue except upon the presentation of a certificate from the Secretary of the Lodge, of which the applicant is a member, of his good and regular standing therein. Such diploma, when issued, shall be signed by the Grand Master, or Deputy Grand Master, and countersigned by the Grand Secretary, who shall affix thereto the seal of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 4. For every copy of any portion of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, or any document in possession of the Grand Secretary, which he shall be required to make, he may demand and receive for his use fifty cents for every one hundred words.

ARTICLE X.

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

SECTION 1. Every subordinate Lodge shall elect its officers annually by ballot, by a majority of the votes of the members present, at the stated meeting next preceding the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, (excepting in cases hereinafter provided,) who shall be installed on the evening of their election, or as soon thereafter as practicable, and shall retain their respective offices until their successors in office shall be elected and duly installed.

SEC. 2. Each subordinate Lodge shall have the right to adopt By-Laws for its own government, which shall be submitted for the approval of the Grand Lodge; and, if approved, no amendment thereto shall be valid until it shall have received the sanction of the Grand Lodge, Grand Master, or Deputy Grand Master.

SEC. 3. Each subordinate Lodge shall assemble for work at least once in every calendar month; and if any Lodge shall fail to meet for six successive months, it shall forfeit its Charter.

SEC. 4. All the proceedings, ballottings and business of the Lodge, except that of conferring subordinate degrees, shall be had and done in a Lodge of Master Masons.

SEC. 5. No Lodge within this State shall confer the three degrees of Masonry for a less sum than fifty dollars; and no Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and out of the State, shall confer the three degrees of Masonry for a less sum than thirty-five dollars; and, in each case, the fee for each degree, as regulated by the Lodge, shall invariably accompany the application.

SEC. 6. All applications for initiation or membership shall be made in writing, at a stated meeting of the Lodge; but shall not be acted upon until after the expiration of four weeks, and then only at a stated meeting. Nor shall there be conferred more than one degree upon the same candidate at any one meeting of the Lodge; and no Lodge shall confer the degrees upon more than five candidates at any one meeting; nor shall more than one candidate be initiated, passed or raised at one and the same time.

SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of every Lodge, working under a Dispensation, on an application for an extension of such Dispensation, or for a Charter, to submit its Book of Records for the inspection of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 8. Each Lodge shall be represented in every Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge, and shall furnish a correct account of its proceedings during the past year, in a form to be prescribed by the Grand Lodge, and make payment of

its regular dues ; and, in case of the non-performance of these duties, its representatives may be debarred from all the privileges of the Grand Lodge, and its Charter may be declared forfeited by a vote of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 9. It is not competent for a Lodge to expel or suspend a member from the rights and privileges of Masonry, for the non-payment of dues ; but any member who shall have neglected to make payment of his dues for the space of six months, except in case of protracted illness, or absence from the State, may be summoned to appear before the Lodge, to show cause why his name shall not be stricken from the roll of members. And any Mason whose name shall be stricken from the roll, shall not be received as a member of any other Lodge until he shall have paid up all arrearages to the Lodge of which he was last a member ; or, in the event of the non-existence of said Lodge, to the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 10. All complaints and charges brought against a brother before a Lodge, proper to be written, shall be reduced to writing, and filed with the Secretary ; a copy of which shall be served upon the accused, at least ten days before he is arraigned for trial ; and after trial had, should the accused be suspended or expelled from the rights and privileges of Masonry, it shall be the duty of the Lodge to report the fact to the Grand Lodge at its next annual meeting.

SEC. 11. In all cases of suspension or expulsion by a subordinate Lodge, the right of appeal lies to the Grand Lodge ; but no such appeal shall be entertained unless prosecuted at the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge next ensuing the time of the decision from which the appeal is made ; and no suspension or expulsion shall be published until the Grand Lodge shall have cognizance thereof. The Grand Lodge shall prescribe rules and regulations for the trial of appeals.

SEC. 12. No appeal from any decision of the Master of a Lodge shall be taken to the body of the Lodge ; but five members of any subordinate Lodge may prefer charges to the Grand Master, or, in his absence, to the Deputy Grand Master, against the Master of said Lodge, who, upon the hearing of said charges, shall, if he deem necessary, suspend such Master from the exercise of the duties of his office, until the next Annual Grand Communication.

SEC. 13. No Entered Apprentice, or Fellow Craft Mason, shall be advanced to a superior degree, in any Lodge other than that in which he received the previous degree, unless by the consent, in writing, of that Lodge, if said Lodge be at the time in existence.

SEC. 14. On the rejection of an applicant for initiation or any of the degrees, by any Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, the Secretary of said Lodge shall forthwith notify the Grand Secretary thereof, under the seal of the Lodge, whose duty it shall be once in every two months to forward to each of the subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction, a notice of all such rejected applicants ; and no Lodge shall be allowed to receive a petition from any such rejected applicant within a less period than one year from the date of such rejection.

SEC. 15. A book shall be kept by the Secretary of each subordinate Lodge, alphabetically arranged, in which shall be registered the names of all persons stricken from the roll, expelled, suspended or rejected, together with the name of the Lodge, and date of the event so recorded.

ARTICLE XI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, as early as practicable after each annual session of the Grand Lodge, to cause to be published, in pamphlet form, all such minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge as are proper to be published ; appended to which he shall also publish all standing rules and orders of the Grand Lodge, together with a list of officers and members of each subordinate Lodge, according to the last returns, the times of the stated meetings of said Lodges, and the places where they are respectively located ; copies of which publication shall be forwarded to each Grand Officer, and to each subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction, and each of the Grand Lodges in communication with this Grand Lodge.

SEC. 2. In case of the forfeiture of the charter, or dissolution of a Lodge,

from any cause whatever, all its books, papers, jewels, funds, and other property, shall be forfeited to the Grand Lodge, and it shall be the duty of the Grand Master, or Grand Secretary, to take charge of the same.

SEC. 3. When a Dispensation shall issue to open and hold a Lodge, the officers therein named shall hold their respective offices until the time of the expiration of the Dispensation ; and, upon the issuing of a Charter, it shall be the duty of the Grand Master, or Deputy Grand Master, in person or by proxy, (upon notice that the brethren desire to have the Lodge constituted,) to convene said brethren at such time as may suit his and their convenience ; and when so convened, to hold an election of officers, according to the ancient regulations and usages of the Craft.

SEC. 4. It shall be competent for the Grand Lodge to adopt such other rules and regulations as it may deem necessary, not inconsistent with this Constitution and the ancient rules and regulations of Freemasonry.

SEC. 5. The Master, or Past Master, by service, of any Lodge under this jurisdiction, who has faithfully discharged his duties, and complied with the laws of the Grand Lodge, shall, on application to the Grand Secretary, be presented with a Past Master's Diploma, signed by the Grand Secretary, with the seal of the Grand Lodge affixed thereto ; for which he shall pay the Grand Secretary five dollars.

ARTICLE XII.

DEFINITIONS.

SECTION 1. The stated meetings of Subordinate Lodges referred to in this Constitution, shall not be construed to mean any other than the meeting specified in the By-Laws of the Lodge ; and no adjourned or called meeting shall be considered to be part of said stated meeting.

SEC. 2. A Past Master is only one who has been regularly elected, installed, and served for one term as Worshipful Master of a Lodge.

ARTICLE XIII.

AMENDMENTS AND ALTERATIONS.

SECTION 1. Any proposed amendment or alteration of this Constitution shall be presented to the Grand Lodge, in writing, at an Annual Communication, before the election of Grand Officers, by the representatives of at least three subordinate Lodges, and, if sanctioned by a majority of the members present, shall be published with the proceedings as a subject for future action ; and, upon its adoption at the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge by two thirds of the votes given thereon, the same shall become a part of this Constitution. *Provided*, That the vote on such proposed amendment shall be taken prior to the election of Grand Officers.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA,

AS ADOPTED, MAY, A. L. 5855.

ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1. After the Grand Lodge is opened, the Grand Secretary shall call a roll of the members.

SEC. 2. The Grand Master shall then appoint a Committee on Credentials.

SEC. 3. The Grand Master, after the report of the Committee on Credentials is returned, shall appoint the various Committees, as provided in the Constitution.

SEC. 4. The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer shall, on the afternoon of the first day of the session, make their reports, which shall be read and referred to the Finance Committee.

ARTICLE II.

SECTION 1. After the business is completed, as laid down in the foregoing Article, petitions shall be read and referred to the appropriate committees.

SEC. 2. All committees shall make their reports in writing, before the final close of the Communication, and be discharged, unless otherwise ordered. This is not to include the Committees on Foreign Correspondence and Unfinished Business.

ARTICLE III.

SECTION 1. The order of business at each session, after the first day, shall be as follows :—

1. Reading and approving the minutes of the preceding session.
 2. Reports of the Committee on Credentials.
 3. Reports upon Unfinished Business of previous Communication.
 4. Motions and resolutions, and reference or other disposition of the same.
 5. Reports of Standing Committees, and action thereon ; the Committee on Foreign Correspondence to have precedence.
 6. Reports of Special Committees of last and present Communication, and action thereon.
 7. Special orders and motions, (if any.)
 8. Consideration of Amendments to the Constitution, General Regulations and Rules, (if any.)
 9. Unfinished Business of previous session, (if any.)
 10. Miscellaneous business, not included in any of the foregoing.
- SEC. 2. Should the business, as laid down, not be concluded at the session at which it is first called up, it shall be commenced at the next succeeding session,

where it was left off, and so on through the Communication, taking up the order of business as set forth.—*Provided*, that the reading of the minutes be first in order at each session.

ARTICLE IV.

SECTION 1. No member, representative or proxy shall, under any pretence, be admitted into the Grand Lodge without his proper clothing, or be allowed to vote without his jewel, unless he offer a satisfactory excuse, and have permission from the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE V.

SECTION 1. In filling blanks, the largest sum or number, and the longest time shall be first stated.

SEC. 2. No member shall speak more than twice upon the same subject, unless he first obtain consent of the Grand Lodge, nor then more than five minutes at either time.

SEC. 3. All reports, motions and resolutions must be in writing before being introduced.

SEC. 4. The rules of order shall not be suspended at any time, except by unanimous consent.

SEC. 5. No new motion or other business shall be received except in regular routine.

SEC. 6. No motion to reconsider a vote or motion shall be entertained unless made at the same session of the same day on which the question shall have been decided ; nor shall it be in order unless moved by one of the majority, and duly seconded.

SEC. 7. If the previous question should be called for by the representatives of one Lodge, and duly seconded by the representatives of another, and the majority of the members present sustain such call, it shall be put in this form : "Shall the main question be now put ?" and if carried, such main question shall be the original proposition as amended at the time of adoption of the call for the previous question.

SEC. 8. Any of these By-Laws may be amended by notice in writing being given at one session, and to be acted upon at the next, and it shall require two-thirds of all present, to carry such amendment.

SEC. 9. All other By-laws of this Grand Lodge are hereby repealed, from and after the close of the present Communication.

REGULATIONS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA,

RELATIVE TO TRIALS,

AS AMENDED MAY, A. L. 5858.

SECTION I.

Whenever a member of a Lodge, or any Mason under this jurisdiction, shall be accused of an offence which, if proved, would subject him to suspension or expulsion, the proceeding in the premises shall be conducted agreeably to the following rules :—

RULE 1. The accusation shall be made in writing, over the signature of a Master Mason, and given in charge of the Secretary of the Lodge, who, under the direction of the Master, shall serve, or cause the accused to be served, with an attested copy of the charges, at least ten days previous to the time appointed for the examination : *Provided*, That the residence of the accused shall be known, and shall be within the distance of fifty miles of the place where the Lodge, having the matter in hand, is located. If the residence of the accused be at a greater distance than fifty miles, but within the State, then, and in that case, a summons to appear and show cause, forwarded to him by mail, or other conveyance, at least twenty days before the time of trial, shall be considered sufficient service. If his residence be out of the State, or unknown, the Lodge may proceed to examine the charges, *ex parte*; but if known, and out of the State, a summons shall be sent him by mail, or otherwise, at least four months before the time appointed for the examination.

RULE 2. The examination of the charges shall be had in a Lodge specially notified and convened for the purpose, at which no visitors shall be admitted, except as counsel or witnesses.

RULE 3. The accused may select any brother for his counsel, and the witnesses shall testify, if Masons, on their honor as such. Hearsay evidence shall be excluded.

RULE 4. The question, "Is the accused guilty or not guilty?" shall be distinctly put to each member of the Lodge, and the vote thereon shall be by ballot.

RULE 5. If the verdict be suspension or expulsion, the name of the person so suspended or expelled shall be sent up at the ensuing meeting of the Grand Lodge for examination; and if no appeal be taken, the action shall be final.

RULE 6. A sentence of expulsion shall not take effect until confirmed by this Grand Lodge, but shall operate as a suspension of the delinquent, in the meantime. In all cases, a vote of two-thirds shall be necessary to find a verdict of guilty, and a like vote shall be required to suspend or expel; but a majority shall be sufficient to reprimand or censure. When the sentence is expulsion, even if no appeal be taken, a complete transcript of the proceedings and evidence shall be sent up to the Grand Lodge.

RULE 7. When a sentence of expulsion or suspension shall be pronounced by any Lodge, the Secretary of such Lodge, under its seal, shall immediately notify the Grand Secretary of such event.

SECTION II.

RULE 1. A suspension or expulsion of a Mason from a Royal Arch Chapter, or a Commandery of Knights Templar, shall not operate as an expulsion from the Lodge of which he is a member.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA.

1. That each Lodge under this jurisdiction shall transmit a copy of its By-Laws to the Grand Secretary, to be filed in his office, after being approved by the Grand Lodge. [May, 1851.]

2. That this Grand Lodge adopt, as the true meaning of the 1st Sec. of Art. V., of the Constitution :—That the legal representative of any Lodge, represented in this Grand Lodge, shall cast the three votes to which the Lodge is entitled. [May, 1851.]

3. That every subordinate Lodge, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, be required to have read in open Lodge, under the direction of the Master, and within the period of three months from the time of their reception, the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge : and that all other documents issued under its authority and directed to its subordinates, be read at the next stated meeting after their reception. [As amended, May, 1858.]

4. That the Grand Secretary, when communicating to the respective Grand Lodges, with whom a correspondence is preserved, the result of an election of officers of this Grand Lodge, wherein a change may have been made, shall accompany the same with the signatures of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Wardens, written with their own proper hands, and duly authenticated under the seal of this Grand Lodge, together with a request to each and every such Grand Lodge, that they will hereafter, so often as by any change of Grand officers it may become important, furnish this Grand Lodge with a similar document. [May, 1851.]

5. That hereafter it shall be the duty of the Master of each subordinate Lodge within this jurisdiction, immediately upon the death of a regular member of the same, in good standing, to have a record of said death entered upon the Lodge Book of his Lodge, and report the same to the Grand Secretary, who thereupon shall transmit to the Master of said Lodge a Grand Lodge Diploma, filled up with the name of the deceased brother, free of expense, for the benefit of his widow and orphans, or either. [May, 1851.]

6. That there is no appeal from the decision of the Grand Master in any matter coming before him for his decision in Grand Lodge, and that the same rule obtains with the Master of a subordinate Lodge over which he presides, or from that of any other officer while presiding. [Nov. 1851.]

7. That no member of a Lodge can be required to divulge his vote on balloting for a candidate for the degrees of Masonry, or for membership, nor to assign reasons for his vote, if known. [Nov. 1851.]

8. That it shall be the duty of a Lodge to take cognizance of the conduct of any brother or brethren not attached to any Lodge under this jurisdiction, on a charge of unmasonic conduct ; and reprimand, suspend, or expel him or them from the rights and privileges of Masonry. [Nov. 1851.]

9. That no subordinate Lodge shall receive a petition for initiation, unless the Lodge be fully satisfied that the petitioner has been a resident within the State twelve months, and within the jurisdiction of the Lodge three months. [Nov. 1851.]

10. That the Grand Master nominate, and the Grand Lodge appoint, an Assistant Grand Secretary, who shall perform the duties of said office in the absence of the Grand Secretary, and for whose acts the Grand Secretary shall be responsible. [Nov. 1851.]

11. That a Grand Lodge is the Supreme Head of Symbolic Masonry, and that it has exclusive right to establish Lodges to confer the three Symbolic Degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry within its jurisdiction. [May, 1852.]

12. *Rescinded, May, 1856.*

13. That hereafter, no Lodge in this jurisdiction shall advance a candidate to a superior degree unless he, in open Lodge, satisfy the members present that he is fully qualified in his work to enable him to progress. [May, 1852.]

14. That no Lodge in this jurisdiction shall receive lectures from any person, as the authorized work, unless under the sanction of the Grand Lodge or Grand Master. [May, 1852.]

15. That the Grand Secretary take charge of the jewels, clothing, and furniture of the Grand Lodge, and deposit them in some secure place for safe keeping. [May, 1852.]

16. That after the present session of the Grand Lodge, none but the actual expenses of the elective Grand Officers for attending the Grand Lodge, be allowed. [May, 1852.]

17. That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge, that the removal of a Warden without the jurisdiction does not affect his right to representation in the Grand Lodge, so long as he remains a member of the Grand Lodge, by virtue of being a Warden of a subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction. [May, 1852.]

18. That it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, at the close of each session, to notify all Lodges in arrears, and request the settlement of their dues. [May, 1853.]

19. That no books or papers, belonging to the Grand Lodge, shall be taken from the Grand Secretary's office, except it be for the use of the Grand Lodge, or Grand Officers. [May, 1853.]

20. That the Grand Secretary furnish every brother, elected or appointed to fill any office or station in the Grand Lodge, with a certificate of his election or appointment, under seal of the Grand Lodge. [May, 1853.]

21. That the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure an office in a fire-proof building, for the better preservation of the archives of the Grand Lodge. [May, 1853.]

22. That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that any member of a subordinate Lodge under another jurisdiction, may become by affiliation a member of a subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction, provided he be in good standing in his original Lodge, and pays his dues regularly in both. [May, 1853.]

23. That no money or funds in the treasury of the Grand Lodge, held in trust, or specially appropriated, shall be paid out on any order or draft, not made applicable to the same by the terms of such order or draft. [May, 1853.]

24. That the By-Laws of any Lodge which may be approved by the Grand Master, or Deputy Grand Master, during the recess of the Grand Lodge, shall be presented at the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge for its approval. [May, 1853.]

25. That all chartered Lodges, hereafter, in issuing any and all notices or other documents therefrom, shall attach the Lodge seal thereto, otherwise not to be acted upon by the Lodge to whom sent; and all returns or other papers returnable to the Grand Lodge, shall bear such impress; allowing such Lodges as have no seals, three months to procure the same. [May, 1853.]

26. That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge, that the converting the funds of subordinate Lodges to the purchase of jewels, or other mementoes, to be presented to distinguished brethren, as an expression of the esteem and confidence of the Lodge, is not in accordance with the true interpretation of the Constitution in reference to the disbursement of those funds; its practice is therefore prohibited. [May, 1853.]

27. That a petition for initiation or membership, presented to a Lodge, im-

mediately becomes the property of the Lodge, and can on no consideration be withdrawn; but a ballot, in all cases, must be had on the report of the committee. [May, 1854.]

28. That to all petitions for Dispensations, there shall be attached the certificate of a Master of a chartered Lodge, that the Worshipful Master named in the petition is competent to confer the three degrees of Masonry. [May, 1854.]

29. That no Lodge under this jurisdiction shall ballot for conferring any degree, or approve its records, at any other time than a stated meeting. [May, 1854.]

30. That any subordinate Lodge recommending a petition for a new Lodge, shall state explicitly that the brethren, whose petition they recommend, have provided a suitable and safe Lodge room. [May, 1854.]

31. That the practice of dueling is repugnant to the principles of Freemasonry, and in all cases where two brethren resort to this mode of settling their disputes, it becomes the duty of the Lodge or Lodges of which they are members, or under whose jurisdiction they may be, forthwith to expel them from all the rights and privileges of Masonry, subject to the confirmation of the Grand Lodge; and no brother who may fall in a duel shall be buried with Masonic honors. [May, 1854.]

32. That the Grand Secretary is hereby constituted Grand Librarian, and directed to take charge of the Grand Lodge Library, subject to such regulations as the Grand Lodge may hereafter prescribe. [May, 1854.]

33. That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that the future establishment of subordinate Lodges should be restricted to cases of manifest propriety and necessity. [May, 1854.]

34. That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that the use of Masonic emblems upon sign-boards is unmasonic, and in open violation of the *spirit* of Freemasonry. [May, 1854.]

35. That this Grand Lodge recognizes as the only legitimate Masonic power in New York, the Grand Lodge of which Bro. Walworth is M. W. G. M., and the subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction thereof; and that this Grand Lodge repudiates, and declares to be illegal and spurious, all other bodies and members thereof, pretending to exercise Masonic authority within the State of New York. [May, 1854.]

36. That Masonic communication on the part of this Grand Lodge and the Lodges subordinate thereto, be, and the same is hereby interdicted with all bodies or persons, claiming or pretending to be Lodges or Masons, deriving authority under or through such illegal sources. [May, 1854.]

37. That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge, that all persons claiming to hold Masonic Lodges in the United States or its Territories, within the jurisdiction of a Grand Lodge of any State or Territory, without authority from such Grand Lodge, are illegal and clandestine. [May, 1854.]

38. That a certificate or other satisfactory evidence of having taken the former degree or degrees, the residence as required by the Constitution of our Grand Lodge, with the examination provided for in Standing Resolution No. 13, together with the balloting, is all we deem necessary; *provided*, that in all such cases the petition shall take the same course as that for initiation. [May, 1854.]

39. That it shall be the duty of subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction to notify the Lodges in their immediate vicinity of the names of all applicants for initiation and membership. This resolution to apply to city Lodges only. [May, 1854.]

40. That the Lodges of this jurisdiction be and are hereby permitted to amend their By-Laws, so as to have but one ballot for the three degrees. [May, 1854.]—And that when objection is made before the initiation, passing or raising of a candidate, his petition shall be recommitted to a committee, and be subject to a second investigation. [Amendment, May, 1856.]

41. That each subordinate Lodge shall have a book in which to record all rejections, suspensions, expulsions, and names stricken from the roll. [May, 1854.]

42. That the subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction be, and are hereby required to alter their By-Laws, so as to hold but one stated meeting in each month. [May, 1854.]

43. That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge, that the degrees conferred without the lectures are incomplete, and this Grand Lodge hereby requires the lectures to be always given. [May, 1854.]

44. *Rescinded, May, 1856.*

45. That the stern morality of Masonry is practicable, and that we pledge the influence of this Grand Lodge in sustaining it, and recommend to all subordinate Lodges to see that their members exemplify the same in their lives and conduct. [May, 1854.]

46. *Rescinded, May, 1856.*

47. That this Grand Lodge does not acknowledge the doctrine that a Grand Master may make Masons at sight, or at will, except in a regular Lodge, with the unanimous consent of the members thereof present; and that, in its opinion, Grand Masters possess no powers except those contained in the Constitutions of Masonry, and those clearly and expressly delegated to them by their brethren. [May, 1855.]

48. That in conformity with the nineteenth of the "Old Regulations," which decrees that "If a Grand Master should abuse his great power, and render himself unworthy the obedience and submission of the Lodge, he shall be treated in a manner to be agreed upon in a new regulation," this Grand Lodge *does now agree upon and enact this*

NEW REGULATION.—The Grand Master of Masons for the State of California may hereafter be proceeded against and tried for unmasonic conduct, in the following manner:—Charges may be presented against him to any Past Grand Master, by service, within this State, who is an affiliated Mason within this jurisdiction, by not less than five Masters of Lodges, which charges shall be in writing, if proper to be written, or oral, if otherwise; and it shall be the duty of such Past Grand Master to transmit a copy of said charges, if written, or to convey the same personally, if oral, to the accused, together with a notification of the time and place of trial, at least twenty days before the day appointed therefor. And the said Past Grand Master shall then summon four or more other Past Grand Masters, who shall be members of some Lodge under this jurisdiction, (the tribunal to consist of not less than five,) to assemble with him at the time and place so designated, where they shall hear and decide upon the case—the sentence of a majority to be decisive: *Provided*, however, that for just reasons a new trial may be granted.

All necessary traveling expenses of the members of such tribunal shall be paid by the Grand Lodge. [May, 1855.]

49. The right (so called) to visit Masonically, is not an *absolute right*, but is a favor which every lawful Mason in good standing is entitled to ask, and which no Lodge should refuse unless good and sufficient objection to such admission is made by a regular member; in which case the Master, in his discretion, may admit or exclude the visitor. [As amended, May, 1857.]

50. That this Grand Lodge having recognized the principle that no one shall be initiated into the mysteries of our Order, except in the Lodge nearest his place of residence (unless by the proper permission); and having, by an established regulation, taken care to avoid infringing the jurisdictional rights of others, will not tolerate that its own be invaded; and it is therefore ordered that no Lodge, subordinate to the Grand Lodge of California, shall admit to membership any person who, being at the time a resident of this State, has received, or claims to have received the degrees of Masonry from any source beyond the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, without proper permission from the Lodge nearest his place of residence, until he shall have paid into the hands of the Secretary of the Lodge to which he applies for membership, the full amount charged by that Lodge for conferring the degrees, less the sum paid by him to the Lodge in which he received them. [As amended May, 1857.]

51. That this Grand Lodge recognizes no *degree* of Present or Past Master conferred by any authority not holden under a legitimate Grand Lodge; ac-

knowledging only the *Order* of that name as it exists in the ceremonies attending the installation of the Master elect of a chartered Lodge ; which Order shall be conferred only by a convocation of Present or Past Masters, not less than three in number, who have thus regularly received it. [May, 1855.]

52. That all Masonic communication between the Lodges and Masons under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and those hailing from the jurisdiction of, or acknowledging allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, is hereby strictly forbidden, so long as that body shall continue to maintain its flagrant violation of the jurisdictional rights of the Grand Lodge of New York. [May, 1855.]

53. That a Lodge under dispensation is but a temporary and inchoate body, and is not entitled to representation in the Grand Lodge ; and that those who work it do not forfeit their membership thereby in any other Lodge while it so continues, but such membership is thereby suspended. [May, 1855.]

54. That the Grand Lodge of California does agree to and adopt the plan for a National Confederation of Grand Lodges, as submitted by the National Masonic Convention held in the city of Washington, D. C., on the third day of January, 1855 ; and will hold itself bound by the "Articles of Confederation" therein set forth, so soon as twenty of the Grand Lodges in the United States shall have signified their assent thereto. [May, 1855.]

55. That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge, that a Lodge under charges can not be tried except by the Grand Lodge. [May, 1855.]

56. That the Masters of the subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction be and are hereby required to have read in their respective Lodges, quarterly, the Constitution, Regulations for Trials, and Standing Resolutions of this Grand Lodge. [May, 1855.]

57. * That hereafter no other is authorized or permitted to confer degrees, or preside in a subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction, than its officers, or one who is a Past Master as defined in the Constitution of this Grand Lodge. [May, 1855.]

58. That the subordinate Lodges be and are hereby required to transmit to the Grand Secretary, under seal, a list of the officers elected annually, immediately after their election. [May, 1855.]

59. That the subordinate Lodges be and are hereby required to forward their Annual Returns to the Grand Secretary immediately after the fourth day of March in each year. [May, 1855.]

60. That hereafter no subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction shall suspend a member for a *definite* period, but all suspensions shall simply be recorded that the offender "be and is hereby suspended from all the rights, benefits, and privileges of Masonry." [May, 1855.]

61. That in all cases of a restoration of a suspended Mason, a vote of two thirds of the members present shall be requisite, and the proceedings shall be had at a meeting of which the members of the Lodge shall have had due notice. [May, 1855.]

62. That the Lodges throughout this jurisdiction be recommended to adopt, for the government of their respective bodies, the code of By-Laws now presented to this Grand Lodge ; and that those Lodges which do so, be required to have printed with them, such portions of the Constitution and Standing Resolutions of this Grand Lodge, (a condensed copy of which is herewith presented,) as pertain to the government of subordinate Lodges. [May, 1856.]

63. That this Grand Lodge deems its obligatory upon all Masons to be contributing members of some Lodge ; and that it is decidedly unmasonic to reside in the vicinity of a Lodge without either becoming a member thereof, or contributing regularly an amount equal to its customary dues. And should any Mason neglect or refuse to comply with the foregoing, he shall not be deemed worthy of Masonic charity, and shall not be entitled to, or be the recipient of, any of the rights, privileges or charities of any Lodge in this jurisdiction. *Pro-*

* The Grand Master rules that the above resolution is not intended to prevent, nor shall it be construed so as to prevent any Deputy Grand Lecturer, or other skillful Master Mason, from conferring the degrees or performing any part of the Masonic ritual, in the presence and under the supervision of an officer of the Lodge entitled to preside ; which presiding officer shall, in such case, be seated in the East, either in, or at the side of the Master's chair. [May, 1855]

vided, however, that this rule may be relaxed by Lodges, when the inability to comply with the foregoing is made manifest. [May, 1856, *in lieu* of 12, 44, and 46.]

64. That hereafter, in issuing Dispensations to open new Lodges, the privilege of receiving members by affiliation shall be granted. [May, 1856.]

65. That no appropriation of any money for increase of salaries, or expenditures for the Grand Lodge other than those accruing for the sessions, shall be made after the election of Grand Officers. [May, 1856.]

66. That the Subordinate Lodges be allowed to change their By-Laws so as to confer the three degrees of Masonry for the sum of not less than fifty dollars, as provided in the Constitution as now amended. [May, 1856.]

67. That hereafter the construction of Section 2, of Article IX., of the Constitution, shall be that each Lodge shall pay the sum of one dollar for each member borne upon its roll. [May, 1856.]

68. (1.) That this Grand Lodge, in the most solemn manner possible, desires to impress upon the Subordinate Lodges the urgent necessity which exists that the benefits and privileges of education, in its fullest and most perfect manner, should be afforded to the children of all Masons, and more particularly to those who by bereavement of parents are especially confided to our care and guardianship.

(2.) That each Subordinate Lodge, with its annual returns, shall forward to the Grand Lodge a statement of all orphans or children of Masons under its care and protection; particularly setting forth the measures being taken to supply them with the means of receiving a proper education. [May, 1856.]

69.—(1.) That this Grand Lodge shall continue such a standard of revenue as experience will show shall afford an annual balance of at least \$1,000 excess of revenue over expenditures; and that said excess, more or less, be set aside annually, as an accumulating fund, for the erection of a Masonic Hall.

(2.) That this Grand Lodge elect, at each Annual Communication, a Board of Trustees, consisting of three members of the aforesaid Grand Body, whose duty it shall be to judiciously invest all moneys set aside for such accumulating fund, at such interest as can be obtained without hazard; and that the accruing interest shall, as fast as possible, be added to the principal, and similarly invested.

(3.) That the members of this Board of Trustees shall severally execute and file bonds, approved by the Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, in the amount of \$5,000, as a security to this Grand Lodge that said funds shall not be imperilled or improperly invested.

(4.) That it shall be competent for this Grand Lodge at any time, in its judgment, to use said funds for the purpose designated, but for no other object. [May, 1856.]

70. That any Lodge within this jurisdiction which shall receive a brother into membership without a certificate of freedom from indebtedness to the Lodge of which he was last a member, shall become responsible to said Lodge for any dues it may have against him. [May, 1856.]

71. That the Subordinate Lodges be required to instruct one of their representatives hereafter to remain in attendance upon the Grand Lodge until the close of its Communications. [May, 1857.]

72. That the "Side Degrees," so called, form no part of legitimate Masonry, and the conferring them hereafter in Masonic Lodge rooms is discountenanced by this Grand Lodge. [May, 1858.]

73. That it is a necessary and becoming duty of the officers and members of this Grand Body to diminish the measure of our annual publications, and in all proper matters to exercise a disposition to practice a rigid economy. [May, 1858.]

74. That the Grand Lodge of Canada, which was formed at the city of Hamilton, on the tenth day of October, 1855, be and is hereby recognized by this Grand Lodge. [May, 1858.]

75. That hereafter, all notices of expulsion, suspension, striking from the roll, and reinstatement, shall be sent to the Grand Secretary, to be by him disseminated among the Lodges in the same manner as is now prescribed in the

14th section of Art. X. of the Constitution, relative to notices of rejection for initiation. [May, 1858.]

76. That hereafter all petitioners for a Dispensation, who are members of Lodges within this jurisdiction, be required to state in their petition the names and numbers of the respective Lodges to which they last belonged, and to accompany the same with certificates from the Secretaries thereof that they are free from all indebtedness thereto. [May, 1858.]

77. That any member of a Lodge which has surrendered its Charter, who was in good standing at the time of such surrender, is entitled to a certificate to that effect; and that the Grand Secretary be authorized to issue such certificates. [May, 1858.]

78. That hereafter no Lodge shall admit a brother to membership until he shall have deposited with the Secretary his demit from the Lodge of which he was last a member, or shall have presented in writing, to be filed with the Secretary. good and sufficient reasons for not being enabled so to do. [May, 1858.]

RETURNS

OF THE

SUBORDINATE LODGES

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF

THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA,

A. L. 5858.

California Lodge, No. 1.

San Francisco, San Francisco County.

Stated Meetings, first Thursday in each Month.

OFFICERS :

Henry F. Williams, *Wor. Master*,
Benj. H. Freeman, *Sen. Warden*,
William H. Lyon, *Jun. Warden*,
Eli Cook, *Treasurer*,
E. W. Bourne, *Secretary*,
John F. Swift, *Sen. Deacon*.

A. D. Piper, *Jun. Deacon*,
A. J. Kellogg, *Marshal*,
Frank Eastman, } *Stewards*.
D. Kendrick, }
O. de Villarson, *Organist*,
Lewis Peck, *Tyler*.

Past Masters :

P. A. Brinsmade,
R. F. Knott, *P. J. G. W.*

R. E. Cole, *P. S. G. W.*
Alex. G. Abell, *G. Sec.*

J. D. Stevenson, *P. G. M.*
Lewis Peck,
L. Steinhart.

MASTER MASONS :

Abraham, J.
Armstrong, E. J.
Ashley, S. J.
Bacon, Jacob
Baker, G. W.
Barry, T. A.
Beale, E. F.
Blackman, C. H.
Blackman, O. P.
Bostwick, J. D.
Boyd, Thomas
Brannan, John
Brasseur, Jules
Brenham, C. J.
Brown, Chas.
Bryen, W. J.
Burke, M. J.

Cameron, John
Classen, J. M.
Cleary, T. P.
Clough, Jos.
Crittenden, A. P.
Crocker, G. H.
Cross, Osborn
Dall, J. H.
Davis, I. E.
Decker, Jacob
Derby, S. J.
De Vries, Thos.
DeWoody, T. J.
Donaldson, T. P.
Douglass, D. F.
Elliot, Gardner
Engert, A. F. C.

Fair, W. D.
Felt, J. J.
Fernald, D. L.
Field, S. C.
Findla, Jas.
Fleishman, Israel
Foster, William
Friedlander, A.
Game, M. F.
Gardner, Phineas
Gayle, A. B.
Gerke, Henry
Gerry, S. R.
Gilmor, J. W. A.
Gray, H. M.
Greene, William
Haggett, Thos.

Hann, T. R.
Harrison, Geo. L.
Hawk, Louis
Haynes, T. J.
Heeser, William
Hillard, B. F.
Hodge, J. G.
Hoff, John
Hoffman, Ogden
Hoffmier, William
Howe, William
Ickelheimer, H.
Justh, Emanuel
Keith, W. H.
Kimball, M. C.
King, Leopold
King, Marcus

Kuh, Leopold	Morse, E. E.	Potter, T. T.	Sutton, O. P.
Lamb, E. G.	Murphy, N. S.	Pratt, James	Thompson, Lucius
Laurencel, H.	Myers, M. H.	Preston, R. J.	Tabbs, Hiram
Lawrence, H. H.	McClure, A. T.	Reynolds, Wm.	Tucker, J. W.
Leese, J. P.	McKenzie, Wm.	Rosenstock, M.	Unger, Adolph
Leitch, I. H.	McMahon, Thos.	Saulman, A.	Uznay, C.
Lemman, Thos.	Neal, W. W.	Sawyer, E. A.	Van Buskirk, H. K.
Letter, Jacob	Noyes, G. P.	Scammon, C. M.	Ward, I. M.
Linen, James	Oldfield, W. C.	Selover, A. A.	Welton, M.
Maies, C. W.	Oldham, T. S.	Shaw, S. W.	White, J. W.
Martin, M. S.	Overn, George	Shaw, Tobias	Wightman, John
Middleton, John	Page, R. C.	Shiels, William	Wigmore, John
Mikkelson, R.	Parent, C. L.	Smith, E. W.	Wilder, L. I.
Miller, J. F.	Patten, B. H.	Smith, H. S.	Williams, J. S.
Miller, W. J.	Patten, W. H.	Smith, J. T.	Williams, W. A.
Milling, William	Paul, A. B.	Southgate, J. J.	Wilson, C. L.
Miro, H. E.	Payne, Theo.	Strahle, C. G.	Wood, W. B.
Monroe, J. A.	Phinney, Arthur	Sullivan, E. L.	Wright, G. S.—163.
Montagnie, J. de la	Plum, C. M.	Suskind, Ernest	
Moore, W. H.	Ponte, John		

FELLOW CRAFTS :

Colbourn, Richard	Gove, A. W.	Hildreth, J. D.	Pollard, Aaron
Eastland, J. G.	Gray, R. B.	Hoyt, Richard	Relay, J. H.
Flint, W. C.	Hall, E. Jr.	Joffroy, Lorenzo	Simpson, J. L.
George, H. A.	Haynes, J. W.	Melin, Charles	Wilson, E. A.—17.
Goldsmith, Jos.			

ENTERED APPRENTICES :

Baker, Henry	Ewer, F. C.	Kohler, J. J.	Root, S. E.
Blood, J. H.	Fleming, J. R.	Ladd, J. W.	Sawyer, A. F.
Briggs, Edgar	Gilbert, G. S.	Lainbeer, Jno.	Sterling, J. F.
Briggs, W. H.	Goldsmith, W. E.	Musgrove, J. D.	Taylor, J. M.
Brown, Archibald	Harnsbrough, W. B.	Peabody, A. W.	Thrall, H. H.
Brown, H. S.	Ingram, J.	Pfeifer, W. A.	Wasserman, S.
Cazneau, T. N.	Janes, J. L.	Phillips, S. S.	Whitney, Jas. Jr.
Coughlin, J. M.	Kittrell, J. R.	Rabe, William	Young, J. H.—32.

WITHDRAWN :

Burke, D. H.	Killaly, R. G.	Pulvermacher, F.	Stark, James
Cook, S. M.	Mann, W. D.	Revalk, J.	Vail, J. F.
Creigh, J. D.	Molitor, A. P.	Reynolds, W. T.	Wegener, F. O.
Eagel, Moritz	O'Bryon, J. F.	Savage, O. S.	Williams, J. W.—18.
Goldstein, M.	Peaslee, C.		

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES :

Addison, J. E.	Fitton, James	Olds, W. B.	Sanders, B. C.
Benham, Calhoun	Homer, Chas.	Paster, S. E.	Scooffy, P. M.—11.
Delany, C. McC.	Hudson, G. A.	Phillips, Jas.	

SUSPENDED :

Preston, O. J.—1.

EXPELLED :

Brainerd, C. F.—1.

DIED :

Watson, John S. Wilson, L. T.—2.

Western Star Lodge, No. 2.**Shasta, Shasta County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

J. A. Raymond, *Wor. Master*,
 H. H. Shuffleton, *Sen. Warden*,
 S. R. Merrill, *Jun. Warden*,
 A. B. Brown, *Treasurer*,

H. A. Curtiss, *Secretary*,
 D. P. Bystle, *Sen. Deacon*,
 J. W. Pierson, *Jun. Deacon*,
 Robert Berry, *Tyler*.

Past Masters:J. A. Raymond, *P.D.G.M.*

Whiting G. West,

J. Isaacs.

MASTER MASONS:

Baker, W. H.	Dunn, D. H.	Lavery, J. D.	Scott, J. V.
Bloom, H.	Farquhar, G. C.	Mosbach, A. H.	Seeleg, S.
Boch, R.	Farrington, N. C.	McAuliff, D.	Seely, George
Brewer, J. W.	Forbes, G. D.	Newman, T. A.	Selden, E. C.
Brickford, W. H.	Fuller, A. F.	Norton, J. H.	Skeen, W. E.
Brownell, H.	Goldstone, Chas.	Nunnally, W. A.	Staples, Levi
Channel, B. F.	Greathouse, G. L.	Olendorf, W. D.	Stewart, W. W.
Chapman, G. L.	Hanson, Samuel	Parker, William	Taft, W. H.
Chappel, J. N.	Hickey, D. B.	Parkinson, G. W.	Tower, L. H.
Cheesbro, E. F.	Hodge, J.	Pennington, J. T.	Tull, J. W.
Cohn, P.	Holmes, J. L.	Potter, I. B.	Van Vatzter, J. M.
Crocker, E. F.	Johnson, H.	Robertson, T. J.	Van Wie, A. J.
Cushing, John	Johnson, J.	Roden, J. E.	Wade, J. C.
Daingerfield, W. P.	Kelley, C. P.	Roop, I.	Westcott, S. B.
Davis, M. C.	Kelton, E. A.	Ryan, J.	Wilson, G. A.
Dobrouski, A.	Lander, H.	Scammon, G. E.	Wilson, W.—74.

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Blake, J. C. Hornbeck, A. Rowland, Wm. Sewall, S. B.—4.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Cicel, J. B.

De Witt, J. M.—2.

WITHDRAWN:

Allen, W. M.	Conyer, P. F.	Lull, H. H.	Robbins, E.
Boxton, Charles	Glenn, J. T.	Myrick, M. H.	Ross, George
Brickey, R. W.	Hart, Thos.	Niel, B.	Wiener, J.
Bryce, Wm.	Jackson, J. W.	Owens, Alex.	Wilson, H. C.—18.
Chandler, F. B.	Johnston, W. E.		

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Moore, Joseph.—1

DIED:

Goodin, A.—1.

Tehama Lodge, No. 3.**Sacramento, Sacramento County.***Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

A. T. Nelson, *Wor. Master*,
 Geo. H. Cartter, *Sen. Warden*,
 R. H. Blossom, *Jun. Warden*,
 J. G. Brewton, *Treasurer*,

John A. Tutt, *Secretary*,
 James F. Kingsley, *Sen. Deacon*,
 T. A. Talbert, *Jun. Deacon*,
 O. D. Chafee, *Tyler*.

Past Masters:

John A. Tutt, <i>P. G. M.</i>	O. D. Chafee,	A. T. Nelson,
T. A. Thomas, <i>P. D. G. M.</i>	John F. Morse,	Geo. H. Cartter.

MASTER MASONS:

Aurich, A.	Gamble, J.	Montgomery, G. E.	Ryan, John
Baggs, Isaac	Gober, W. R.	Morton, T. M.	Sherwood, S. M.
Bean, Enos S.	Gray, B. S.	Muller, John	Smith, Chas. H.
Beckley, L. R.	Greenebaum, A.	McCarty, Wm.	Stevenson, J. M.
Bell, George H.	Greenhood, Wm.	McDonald, R. H.	Stovall, W. W.
Bennett, A. A.	Harrington, C. C.	McHesser, A.	Strauss, Louis
Bowles, Jas. S.	Hoffman, S.	Painter, A. J.	Taber, William
Braudes, James	Hotchkiss, F. S.	Peabody, Thos. J.	Taylor, Jno. N.
Browner, G. F.	Humphreys, E.	Phillips, G. S.	Weinricht, Henry
Cone, J. S.	Johnson, J. Neely	Pike, B. F.	Wethers, Benj. F.
Cornell, C. M.	Kyburg, Samuel	Poppe, Bernard	Wetzlar, Julius
Culver, J. H.	Levy, S. A.	Price, W. W.	Wheeler, O. C.
Davis, J. Z.	Lisso, M.	Pugh, J. W.	White, John
Dorn, M.	Marks, Morris	Ratcliffe, W. M.	Whittenberry, Wm.
Farley, Charles	Marzen, Joseph	Rich, H. M.	Wisart, F. H.
Fisher, H. C.	Merriam, G. B.	Rush, Jno. A.	Young, O. H.—75.
Foley, J. J.			

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Cantwell, W. R.	Hoyt, J. P.—2.
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ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Aula, V.	Hastings, L. W.	Stockflesh, T.
Bowne, C. H.	Henning, F. C.	Torbit, C. J.—10.
Gunn, G. W.	Marselas, G. W.	

WITHDRAWN:

Borrodaile, Geo.	Hagan, Lewis	Ordry, William	Rhodes, J. P.
Danielson, C. L.	Hull, Joseph	Perdue, T. W.	Somes, G. W.
Flanagan, T. B.	Kalkman, Philip	Polhemus, J. L.	Tracy, E. W.
George, Jacob	McKune, J. H.	Quinlin, W.	Whitlock, G.—17.
Grant, J. D.			

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Harrison, A. C.—1.

DIED:

Latta, Thomas—1.

Benicia Lodge, No. 5.

Benicia, Solano County.

Stated Meetings, Wednesday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

Wm. S. Wells, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	Timothy Sage, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
H. B. Hawkins, <i>Sen. Worden,</i>	S. S. Swasey, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
W. J. Tustin, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	Wm. J. French, <i>Marshal,</i>
John J. Barry, <i>Treasurer,</i>	A. P. Ryerson, } <i>Stewards.</i>
H. S. Soanes, <i>Secretary,</i>	George Poor, }
	Luther Wright, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters:

S. K. Nurse.	Wm. S. Wells,	John M. Neville.
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MASTER MASONS:

Agnew, J. D.	Henry, James	Nurse, W. B.	Spencer, C.
Bedford, T.	Kinstry, Thos.	Pollock, Jas.	Thompson, Miron
Davis, Jos. A.	Leslie, Lyman	Robinson, B.	Toppa, R. S.
Duff, Thos.	Miner, G. W.	Ruger, John	Vaughn, S.
Estill, A. H.	McDonald, D. F.	Stiles, A. L.	Von Pfister, E. H.
Farmer, Thos.	Neat, John	Stone, J. C.	Wright, John—38.
Harvie, F. C.			

FELLOW CRAFT:

Barry, J.—1.

ENTERED APPRENTICE:

Scoby, J. W.—1.

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Graham, John Norman, R. B.—2.

DIED:

Holliday, R. M.—1.

San Francisco Lodge, No. 7.

San Francisco, San Francisco County.

*Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

A. Hollub, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	J. H. Stoutenborough, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
John Wade, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	William Canham, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
Charles Ashton, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	A. Wasserman, <i>Marshal,</i>
James Ballentine, <i>Treasurer,</i>	J. G. Druhe, <i>Stewards,</i>
J. S. Thompson, <i>Secretary,</i>	P. J. Evans, }
Lewis Peck, (of California, No. 1,) <i>Tyler.</i>	

Past Masters:A. Hollub, *P.S.G.W.* Addison Martin, *G. Treas.***Honorary Member:**

A. C. Labatt.

MASTER MASONS:

Anderson, Chas.	Doyle, Hugh	McCabe, A. J.	Simson, Aaron
Andrews, William	Dyer, Wm. C.	McCarthy, E.	Sullock, S. S.
Atkinson, J. H.	Gettleson, H.	McKenzie, Jno.	Thain, J. N.
Brown, F. C.	Gibbs, John	McNeill, D.	Treanor, Jas.
Byrnes, T. E.	Glenn, Thos.	Newhouse, H.	Urie, Jas.
Cabaniss, J. C.	Harris, Thos.	Nolting, W. H.	Wallace, Thos.
Callan Thomas	Helbing, A.	Parrish, S. J.	Washburn, J. K.
Castle, J. G.	Hunter, W. H.	Pierce, Nelson	Welte, A.
Clement, Jos.	Jacobi, D.	Porter, Horace	Whitney, W. J.
Cochrane, R.	Jamison, M.	Pottorff, W. H.	Wilson, J. L.
Collins, S. J.	Johnston, Jas.	Rheinstein, L.	Winkle, Henry
Craine, William	Mahan, F. J.	Roberts, G. G.	Woods, R. E.
Curry, Samuel	Mersich, M.	Ruje, R. A.	Woolaver, John
Degroote, L. A.	Mott, P. D.	Simon, U.	Yates, Geo. E.—71.
Donahue, James	Myers, H.	Simpson, Jas.	

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Johnston, John

Kowalski, S. H.

Luney, P.—3.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Bowen, G. C.	Hudson, M. B.	Mayers, M.	McNally, P.—4.
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WITHDRAWN:

Green, W. A.	Moss, D. H. D.	Richardson, Wm.	Solomon, A.
Heiniberg, B.	Papy, J. J.	Scott, John	Stern, D.—8.

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Carter, A.	Gorham, W. R.	Moeller, A. D.	O'Connell, A. F.—6.
Frizell, Jas.	Marshall, C. E.		

DIED:

Dukes, M. (E. A.)—1.

Tuolumne Lodge, No. 8.

Sonora, Tuolumne County.

Stated Meetings, first Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Hugh G. Platt, <i>Wor. Master</i> ,	F. A. Prassa, <i>Sen. Deacon</i> ,
R. R. Balls, <i>Sen. Warden</i> ,	M. Hanover, <i>Jun. Deacon</i> ,
Geo. Seckel, <i>Jun. Warden</i> ,	Jas. E. Edmiston, <i>Marshal</i> ,
W. W. Traylor, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	C. Jacques, {
Chas. B. Rutherford, <i>Secretary</i> ,	R. Comer, } <i>Stewards</i> .
W. A. Burt, <i>Tyler</i> .	

Past Masters:

Chas. M. Radcliff, <i>P. G. M.</i>	Hugh G. Platt,	W. W. Traylor.
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MASTER MASONS:

Amey, C. B.	Doore, S. B.	Knoekin, A.	Soule, H. S.
Anderson, J. M.	Evans, G. S.	Linoberg, E.	Stewart, J. M.
Bell, James	Fray, F. B.	Marshall, B. F.	Stoker, J. R.
Calaway, O. P.	Green, Alonzo	Meyer, Peter	Sullivan, R. F.
Clapp, I. J.	Greenwood, Otis	McCollough, I. N.	Tash, Isaac
Clark, Terry	Hale, Matthew	McLean, Geo.	Tuttle, A. H. H.
Classen, R.	Hall, P. S.	Phillips, S. G.	Van Harlinger, J.
Colbraith, J. C.	Hutton, J. McD.	Rey, W. B.	Wells, B.
Cooper, W. F.	Jamison, A. H.	Sedgwick, Jno.	Wilson, A. C. J.
Corker, David	Jamison, D. A.	Seivers, H.	Wolf, Henry
Crawford, Thos.	Johnson, C.	Selling, P.	Yaney, I. P.—59.
Dodge, C. F.	Johnson, P. F.	Sherman, I. H.	

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Dyer, Manly	Shaw, Charles	Wells, N. W.	Wolcott, O.—5.
Ruffin, C. H.			

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Franklin, J. J.	Jasper, F. H.	Jones, T. S.	Meyer, Moses—4.
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WITHDRAWN:

Burns, P. H.	Collins, William	Doore, Fred.	Henry, B. M.
Caldwell, T.	Delahay, J. B.	Fish, J. B.	Keeler, G. W. —8.

DIED:

Coats, Thomas	Pinney, W. T.	Thomas, Lewis—3.
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Marysville Lodge, No. 9.**Marysville, Yuba County.***Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.***OFFICERS :**

A. P. Barnes, *Wor. Master*,
 C. A. Hathwell, *Sen. Warden*,
 E. Snowwhite, *Jun. Warden*,
 C. E. Filkins, *Treasurer*,

Wm. Robinson, *Secretary*,
 Chas. Andres, *Sen. Deacon*,
 Jacob Meyers, *Jun. Deacon*,
 G. S. Peirson, *Tyler*.

Past Masters :

George Fagg,

G. S. Peirson,

Wm. T. Fonda.

MASTER MASONS :

Ball, A.	Lowrey, G. W.	Ruth, John	Thodoresco, J. S.
Blackman, Hy.	Moore, James	Scheussler, A.	Thompson, C. M.
Carpied, Frank	McCarty, J. T.	Sherwood, J. W.	Tilden, C. N.
Carr, J. E.	McQuin, J. T.	Simmerly, Samuel	Totman, J. R.
Covillaud, Chas.	O'Hanlan, R. T.	Simpkins, C. H.	Tucker, John
Deardorf, J. R.	Parent, J. C.	Simpson, Jas.	Warfield, S. B.
Eaton, Ira A.	Peck, E. S.	Smith, J. G.	Webster, J. L.
Estell, A. H.	Peirson, O. H.	Smith, S. B.	Wheeler, A.
Goodwin, J. O.	Pixley, Seymour	Summers, H. B.	Winans, Stephen
Hake, F. H.	Rice, D. W. C.	Teegarden, Eli	Zea, D. F.—51.
Linhill, J. A.			

FELLOW CRAFT :

Smith, Mix.—1.

ENTERED APPRENTICE.

Lowrey, John.—1.

WITHDRAWN :

Brett, J. R.

Kraft, Chas.

Randle, P. W.—3.

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES :

Cady, Mills

Miles, S. M.

McDaniel, R. H.—3.

DIED :

Hakens, Louis

San Jose Lodge, No. 10.**San Jose, Santa Clara County.***Stated Meetings, first Saturday in each month.***OFFICERS :**

Henry J. Haskell, *Wor. Master*,
 Chas. F. Willey, *Sen. Warden*,
 Dan'l J. Porter, *Jun. Warden*,
 Josiah Belden, *Treasurer*,

Wm. R. Davis, *Secretary*.
 J. Y. Brown, *Sen. Deacon*,
 Thos. Bodley, *Jun. Deacon*,
 F. E. Bartlett, *Tyler*.

Past Masters :W. H. Howard, *P. G. M.* Benj. Cory,

John B. Hewson,

H. C. Melone.

MASTER MASONS :

Alcese, Andrew
 Auzerais, Edw.

Barrows, J. F.
 Bassham, W. R.

Bassler, Jos.
 Brownshield, Hy.

Buckner, R. B.
 Byers, Robert

Clayton, Jas. A.	Johnson, T. D.	McTarnaban, F.	Smith, H. C.
Delmonley, A.	Kearney, Jas.	Packwood, S. F.	Thomas, A. B.
Dresser, T. W.	Kibbe, T. R.	Papson, Wm.	Van Cannegan, P.
Easley, P. C.	Kotinger, J. W.	Peck, A. W.	Wartban, A. G.
Fallon, Thomas	Labell, M.	Peck, George	Wilburn, T. J.
Guerrez, J. D.	Lazeras, L.	Prevost, Louis	Wilks, R. P.
Hancock, J. T.	Levy, Jacob	Price, Jno. R.	Williams, Marcus
Hardy, Mark	Lewis, Frank	Putney, C. M.	Wilson, Thomas
Henning, J. P.	Miller, James	Reddick, John	Winn, A. M.
Hensley, S. J.	Minor, P. O.	Reed, Elliott	Wise, A.
Jacobson, S.	Murphy, W. A.	Schellenberger, M.	Yoell, J. A.—64.

FELLOW CRAFT:

McCutcheon, Wm.—1.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Bostick, L. C.	Hester, W. T.	Kendall, E. W.	Shoemaker, W. B.
Healey, C. T.	Hines, William	Langworth, L. B.	Williams, J. M.—11.
Healey, L. B.	Ingersoll, T. J.	Riggs, Silas	

WITHDRAWN:

Bailey, Geo. W.	Lewis, Jackson	Ryland, C. T.	Watson, O. P.—6.
Laurencel, H.	Matthews, Wm.		

DIED:

McKinney, F. S.—1.

Yount Lodge, No. 12.

Napa City, Napa County.

Stated Meetings, first Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Jos. M. Dudley, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	Robert Crouch, <i>Secretary.</i>
A. F. Robbers, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	J. M. Wilson, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
Chas. W. Plass, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	E. S. Chesebro, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
Robert West, <i>Treasurer,</i>	C. N. Souther, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters:

F. B. Gilmore,	John H. Seawell,	Jos. M. Dudley.
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MASTER MASONS:

Alker, Thomas	Fitch, Chas. H.	Kilburn, R. L.	Rosenbaum, S.
Allen, C. H.	Goodrich, G. G.	Lawley, John	Stillwagon, W. W.
Burroughs, L. C.	Goodrich, S. D.	Lefferts, James	Smith, Rees
Capell, Jos. S.	Grimes, Brice	Morse, Newton	Spencer, Dwight
Chopson, Thomas	Grout, Daniel	Mount, Joseph	Tucker, S. S.
Clarke, Charles	Horrell, J. J.	McClullen, M. T.	Vines, Bartlett—36.
Earl, Thomas	Hutchinson, J. P.		

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Adams, Robert S.	Wood, John S.—2.
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ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Edgerton, Henry	Hardin, R. S.	Nichols, J. M.	Parks, D. B.—4.
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WITHDRAWN:

Brown, J. E.	Holliday, W. H.	Ford, O. G.	Rupe, S. H.—4.
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SUSPENDED:

Greenebaum, M.	McKimney, N.—2.
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DIED:

McLeod, Geo.—1.

Nevada Lodge, No. 13.

Nevada, Nevada County.

Stated Meetings, second Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Thomas P. Hawley, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	A. B. Swan, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
Wm. L. Phillips, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	H. M. Kilander, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
James Holmes, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	J. H. Helm, <i>Marshal,</i>
I. Williamson, <i>Treasurer,</i>	William Smith, } <i>Stewards.</i>
J. F. Rudolph, <i>Secretary,</i>	T. Ellard Beans, }
F. Burmeister, (of E. K. Kane Lodge, No. 72.) <i>Tyler.</i>	

Past Masters:

I. Williamson.	W. G. Alban,	Thomas P. Hawley.
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MASTER MASONS:

Asher, Wm. C.	Dawley, I. N.	Knox, W. J.	Overton, C. T.
Block, A.	Dillon, T. E.	Lillard, Garland	Pearson, Thomas
Blythe, J. F.	Doyle, Jos.	Lindsay, R. L.	Perry, S. R.
Boring, S. W.	Dunn, T. O.	Maltman, C. S.	Peters, F. W.
Buckwell, E.	Earley, C. D.	Maltman, Wm.	Plumbhoff, W.
Burton, E. F.	Edwards, P. N.	Marsh, M. L.	Reed, W. H.
Caldwell, J. I.	Freeman, F.	Meredith, Henry	Rowell, L. F.
Caldwell, Wallace	Furth, S.	Miller, F. R.	Stewart, W. M.
Caswell, T. H.	Hastings, J. W.	Mills, H. A.	Stiefel, L.
Chapman, A.	Hathaway, J. V.	Morrison, W. P.	Tucker, Allen
Conyers, B. L.	Hill, C. W.	McMurray, G. T.	Turner, G. E.
Coombs, Hezekiah	Holmes, E. K.	Nichols, Samuel	Van Hagan, J. B.
Crenshaw, J. T.	Kilbourn, G. O.	Niles, A. C.	Whitney, J. R.—64.
Dawley, H. L.			

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Brown, J. S.	Wilson, A. B.—2.
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ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Foster, B. F.	Maker, George	Redfearn, George	Whartenby, Jas.—7.
Henley, R.	Olin, A. S.	Sargent, A. A.	

WITHDRAWN:

Bostwick, H. A.	Crane, D. A.	Lamb, Alex.	Rosenheim, Aaron
Bunnell, D. D.	Drynen, John	Latta, S. N.	Skeggs, E.
Calkins, M. D.	Elliott, G. M.	Palmer, G. W.	Tweed, C. A.
Carman, B. R.	Hudson, J. F.	Ritter, William	Webber, John—16.

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Broaddus, J. L.	Elmore, D. T.	Hall, C. R.	Perry, R. H.—4.
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DIED:

Alston, A. J. (F. C.)	Endicott, W. H.—2.
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Temple Lodge, No. 14.

Sonoma, Sonoma County.

Stated Meetings, fourth Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Jonas S. Woods, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	William Burris, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
Stephen Akers, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	Peter Campbell, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
A. C. McDonald, <i>Jun. Warden.</i>	William Copeland, } <i>Stewards,</i>
H. Bruns, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Samuel Orr, }
Wm. Cassebohm, <i>Secretary,</i>	John Neeb, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters :

Israel Brockman,

William Ross,

Jonas S. Woods.

MASTER MASONS :Beasley, Jesse
Berggren, J. F.
Bunch Sol. D.Kamp, H. L.
May, John
Munday, JamesO' Farrell, Jasper
Poppe, Julius A.
Rupe, David C.
Williams, Jos.—22.**FELLOW CRAFTS :**

Beck, Robert

Fitch, Fred.

Le Valle, H.—3.

ENTERED APPRENTICES :

Bihler, William

Grayson, Daniel—2.

WITHDRAWN :Coleman, Chas.
McNab, H. D.Pendegrass, J. C.
Selling, John

Tate, T. H.—5.

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.Benitz, William
Boggs, Wm. M.
Horne, Amos A.Jenks, J. H.
Kelsey, Samuel
Neville, Jos. N.Peabody, E. T.
Ray, John
Remick, A. B.Smith, Jason
Warder, R. R.—11.**DIED :**

Cook, Martin E.—1.

Eureka Lodge, No. 16.**Auburn, Placer County.***Stated Meetings, third Monday in each month.***OFFICERS :**M. P. H. Love, *Wor. Master*,
Simon Davidson, *Sen. Warden*,
Jacob Feldberg, *Jun. Warden*,
S. Lubeck, *Treasurer*,Hiram R. Hawkins, *Secretary*.
J. R. Crandall, *Sen. Deacon*,
E. G. Smith, *Jun. Deacon*,
Victor Jones, *Tyler*.**Past Masters :**J. R. Crandall, *P. S. G. W.*

H. R. Hawkins,

M. Hyneman.

MASTER MASONS :Anderson, James
Barrett, S. E.Boggs, Jno. C.
Holmes, H. T.Johnson, W. A.
Marshall, LevinPerkins, W. K.
Thomas, P. W.—17.**FELLOW CRAFT :**

Sweet, S. S.—1.

WITHDRAWN :

Mitchell, C. H.—1.

Loge La Parfaite Union, No. 17.**San Francisco, Compte de San Francisco.***Réunion Ordinaire, le premier Vendredi de chaque mois.***LES OFFICIERS :**Joseph Haine, *Vénérable Maître*,
Constant Hubert, *1er Surveillant*,
Bernard Dennery, *2de Surveillant*,
Henri Lucké, *Treasorier*,
Prosperé Corbinière, *Secrétaire*,
Emile Gagneux, *1er Diacre*,Jean Branger, *2de Diacre*,
Jean Mibielle, *Orateur*.
Bertrand Domec, *Maréchal*,
Jacques Delange, } *Maitres de*
David Samuels, } *Ceremonies*.Joel Noah, (de la Loge Occidental, No. 22,) *Couvreur*.

EX VÉNÉRABLE MAITRES :

Joseph Haine,

F. T. Teclaw.

MAÎTRE-MAÇONS :

Alexandre. Elie	Bresse, Louis	Gazan, Amic	Portois, Pierre
Benecki, Michel	Bruggeman, J. H.	Harris, A. H.	Thierry, Charles
Beraud, Louis	Casse, François	Kellersberger, J.	Zakresky, Alex.—26.
Blum, Jacob	Engels, E.		

COMPAGNONS :

Fayard, F. C.	Lecot, P. M.	Pinchard, J. B.	Villacque, Eugene
Küner, J.			—5.

APPRENTICES :

Fournier, A.	Fournier, C.	Morin, Pierre	Russ, J.—4.
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RETRAITÉS :

Driard, Sosthène	Quayne, P.	Vessaert, A.	Zwicky, G.—5.
Moppe, Henri			

RAYÉ POUR NON-PAYMENT DE QUOTISATION :

Berthelot, J.—1.

DECÉDÉ :

Thomas, Simon—1.

Mountain Shade Lodge, No. 18.**Downieville, Sierra County.***Stated Meetings, Tuesday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS :**

John L. Van Dyke, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	Alex. T. Langton, <i>Secretary,</i>
Samuel W. Langton, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	Milton J. Goodfellow, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
Frank M. Proctor, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	Peter Thatcher, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
Christian Reis, <i>Treasurer,</i>	John M. Barrett, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters :

Lewis Reynolds,

Henry G. Brown.

MASTER MASONS :

Aiken, C. D.	Garnoisette, Jno.	Lampney, P. A.	Stewart, S. C.
Andrews, Richard	Gates, Erastus	Meraux, P. H.	Stich, William
Berg, Joseph	Green, Ben.	Mundy, E. L.	Stowe, A. W.
Bramley, J. J.	Grippen, E. M.	McGrath, Wm.	Strobel, Mathias
Brienhardt, Lewis	Gunsberger, N.	Parsons, Nathan	Stukey, J. H.
Clements, Q. A.	Gutte, Isidore	Powell, John	Stumpf, John
Collins, Stephen	Hall, O. C.	Rosenthal, Lewis	Troppman, John
Colney, L. D.	Hickok, H. D.	Scellen, J. D.	Van Rankin, D.
Craycroft, J. H.	Huater, W. R.	Schimmel, John	Wacasser, Robert
Evans, Eli B.	Irwin, Edward	Smith, E. J.	Weaver, Vinal
Flandreau, J. N.	Kline, C. J.	Southworth, E. C.	Whistler, T. H.
Frost, B. J.	Lambine, Antoine	Springer, Julius	Wilcox, C. E.—59.
Gallwey, Richard			

FELLOW CRAFT :

Kramer, C. W.—1.

ENTERED APPRENTICES :

Ager, J. E.	Howe, S. B.	McKibben, Jos.	Roth, Adam
English, James	Musser, J. J.	Reynolds, G. W.	Vogt, Henry—9.
Ermalinger, G.			

WITHDRAWN :

Buhlinger, Simeon	Graham, T. B.	Savage, J. M.	Stailey, Samuel
Cooper, S. D.	Harris, Garland	Seltzer, Henry	Thompson, R. J.
Foote, E. J.	Lemmon, W. C.	Spohn, Elijah	Warner, Henry—12.

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES :

Booth, G. A.	Brown, J. W.	Rapp, Joseph	Taylor, R. H.—4.
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San Joaquin Lodge, No. 19.**Stockton, San Joaquin County.***Stated Meetings, Monday next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS :**

T. T. Bouldin, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	G. B. Claiborne, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
E. M. Howison, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	W. R. Jefferson, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
J. D. Peters, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	W. M. Vance, <i>Marshal,</i>
Wm. Graham, <i>Treasurer;</i>	P. Rothenbush, { <i>Stewards,</i>
E. D. Eldridge, <i>Secretary,</i>	J. G. Jenkins, {
E. W. Hager, <i>Chaplain,</i>	A. G. Brown, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters.

F. C. Andrew,	J. K. Shafer,	Wm. Graham.
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MASTER MASONS :

Benson, H. C.	Grunsky, Chas.	Lewis, A.	Parker, R. B.
Beritzhoff, A. C.	Jones, E. F.	Mathews, H. O.	Schaeffer, F.
Bonacina, F.	Keltz, E. C.	Morris, J. C.	Swartz, P.
Brown, S. J.	Kennedy, J. B.	McKamy, J. M.	Tyler, J. A.
Choate, G. R.	Kitchings, D.	Palache, G.	Vandyke, J. M.—36.
Clark, W. B.	Lester, A.		

ENTERED APPRENTICES :

Keeler, John	Munter, A.	Palmer, W. T.	Simpson, Wm.—4.
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WITHDRAWN :

Alexander, J. O.	Friedlander, I.	Goldman, M.	Hoerchner, A. H.
Craner, A.	Gage, A. S.		—6.

DIED :

Hine, Anan—1.

Washington Lodge, No. 20.**Sacramento, Sacramento County.***Stated Meetings, first Thursday in each month.***OFFICERS :**

Ham. C. Harrison, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	Geo. I. N. Monell, <i>Secretary,</i>
Edward E. Eyre, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	J. D. Treat, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
James S. Jameson, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	Jno. Rothenbucher, <i>Jun. Deacon.</i>
David Maddux, <i>Treasurer,</i>	
O. D. Chafee, (of Tehama Lodge, No. 3,) <i>Tyler.</i>	

Past Masters:

N. Greene Curtis, *G. M.* Geo. I. N. Monell, A. D. Patterson.
Isaac Davis, Henry H. Hartley,

MASTER MASONS:

Abbott, Chas. E.	Forsyth, Jas. H.	Hunt, John A.	Richardson, A. G.
Arcega, Jos. M.	Gates, D. V.	Hutchinson, C. J.	Rumsey, L. W.
Atkins, Jno. R.	Gates, Justin	Ingham, C. T.	Russell, J. P.
Barr, Jno. C.	Gift, Geo. W.	Johnson, Albert	Rust, P. C.
Blake, Gorham	Goss, Leonard	Johnson, R. P.	Sackett, C. C.
Blom, J. C.	Griffith, Humphrey	Lardner, F. S.	Shepherd, J. M.
Bockrath, H. H.	Griffith, Jas. T.	Long, Wm. S.	Stanwood, N. D.
Booth, Lucius A.	Griswold, Gilbert	Lord, J. D.	Steevens, D. St. C.
Bowstead, Jas.	Harris, E. A.	Madden, Jerome	Thompson, J. P.
Bradford, C. H.	Harris, Lewis B.	Mitchell, Jno. A.	Trautman, John
Brewster, Jno. A.	Haskell, D. H.	Morris, Jno. M.	Walters, Andrew
Chapman, O. V.	Hayden, A. M.	Morse, S. T.	Waters, John
Cropsy, J. F.	Hereford, Frank	Mudgett, L. A.	Welbourn, L. C.
Day, Jas. T.	Hill, Thomas	McClellan, Robert	White, Wm. S.
Denver, Frank	Hoag, Wm. M.	McGrew, John	Wills, Jno. M.
Elkus, Louis	Hough, James	McMeans, S. A.	Wilson, A. H.
Ferris, L. W.	Hunt, D. N.	Redding, B. B.	Zander, T. P.—79.

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Asbury, G. M.	Deal, Samuel	Graves, J. L.	Wright, Jno. A.—7.
Davenport, Wm.	Felch, Walton C.	Gilmore, D. W.	

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Ball, N. A. H.	Hancock, T. W.	May, S. J.	Morse, Charles
Boley, A. G.	Hill, C. A.	Moon, Jackson	Waters, W. R.—10.
Cone, George	Locke, B. S.		

WITHDRAWN:

Block, Emanuel	Henry, H. O.	Kidder, N. A.	Thompson, J. L.
Buddevent, C. L.	Hillyer, M. C.	Little, Samuel	White, C. S.—11.
Craig, J. L.	Johnson, Thomas	Read, Jno. A.	

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Alden, Thomas	Diehl, I. S.	Greenwald, Simon	Hardy, J. P.
Backus, Gordon	Eakins, W. H.	Hall, J. T.	Starrett, Milton
Coachman, J. C.	Fowler, J. A.	Hardy, J. H.	Taylor, L. W.—12.

DIED:

Mitchell, Jas. B.—1.

Hawaiian Lodge, No. 21.

Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands.

Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Henry F. Poor, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	T. C. Heuck, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
C. F. Guillou, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	William Duncan, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
William Greig, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	John Montgomery, <i>Marshal,</i>
G. H. Luce, <i>Treasurer,</i>	E. Hoffman,
Abr. Fornander, <i>Secretary,</i>	William Webster,
	} <i>Stewards,</i>
J. W. Pfluger, <i>Tyler.</i>	

Past Masters:

William Wond, Alex. J. Cartwright.

MASTER MASONS :

Adams, E. P.	Cornell, J. B.	Harvey, M. R.	Pfluger, J. C.
Allen, W. H.	Durham, B. F.	Hughes, Thomas	Quinlan, Daniel
Austin, J. W.	Eldridge, J. P.	Jackson, Joseph	Reiners, G.
Austin, S. S.	Emmes, G. J.	James, Samuel	Robbins, N. H.
Bartow, C. S.	Feldheim, S.	Johnson, T. N.	Sherman, Hor.
Bernard, B.	French, A. S.	Lewers, C. H.	Siders, G. C.
Brayton, G.	Froebe, T.	Macfarlane, H.	Sweeney, G.
Collins, Jer.	Gilman, G. D.	Melchers, G. C.	Thurston, A. G.
Comstock, H.	Green, H. J.	McIntyre, H.	Von Holt, H.
Cooper, James	Hardi, E. F.	McLean, G. C.	Wood, Edmund—53.

ENTERED APPRENTICES :

Ford, S. P.	Flitner, D. N.	Rice, W. B.	Thompson, J. H.—5.
Mauer, L. G.			

WITHDRAWN :

Lange, G.	Richmond, B.—2.
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SUSPENDED :

Babcock, W.	Williams, George—2.
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DIED :

Andrews, Lorin Jr.—1.

Occidental Lodge, No. 22.

San Francisco, San Francisco County.

Stated Meetings, fourth Monday in each month.

OFFICERS :

Wm. M. La Roche, <i>Wor. Master</i> ,	Wm. H. Stowell, <i>Sen. Deacon</i> ,
John B. Newton, <i>Sen. Warden</i> ,	Wm. F. Flick, <i>Jun. Deacon</i> ,
James Laidley, <i>Jun. Warden</i> ,	J. Mead Huxley, <i>Marshal</i> ,
William Sherman, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	John Kehoe,
James Pullman, <i>Secretary</i> ,	John Robinett, } <i>Stewards</i> ,
S. A. Chapin, <i>Chaplain</i> ,	Joel Noah, <i>Tyler</i> .

Past Masters :

James Rice, Jr.	Geo. W. Baker,	Gregory Yale,
Jas. E. Wainwright,	Albert G. Randall,	Joel Noah.
Smyth Clark,		

MASTER MASONS :

Alexander, George	Franklin, Lumley	Knowles, C. W.	Pearson, J. G.
Bailey, Orrin	Freeman, J. M.	Lammot, A. S.	Roberts, D. S.
Baird, J. H.	Gates, H. S.	Lull, L. R.	Rowell, Isaac
Brannan, Samuel	Garwood, G. M.	Moore, E. J.	Seymour, S. A.
Brierly, Wake	Gordon, John	Negus, S. W.	Sinton, R. H.
Clark, J. A.	Gore, B. B.	Nickerson, Mulf.	Smith, Stewart
Cook, Elisha	Grant, James	Norcross, Daniel	Soule, Frank
Eldridge, J. O.	Holland, N.	Norton, Joshua	Thrasher, I. G.
Ellis, J. S.	Hopkins, R. C.	Parker, T. B.	Watson, G. F.
Fenner, C. G.	Hunt, D. B.	Parkes, George	Woodworth, F. A.
Fitch, H. S.	Johnson, T. R.		

FELLOW CRAFTS :

Bowie, A. J.	Hossefross, G. H.	Lovett, Joseph	Seguin, B.
Brinsmade, A. A.	Kohler, F. D.	Saffrons, Isaac	Stevens, W. H.—9.
Harvey, J. C.			

ENTERED APPRENTICES :

Brooks, W. H. J.	Howell, L. V. H.	McDougal, Geo.	Spofford, W. E.
Chamberlain, C. M.	Kennedy, John	Sheldon, J.	Squires, H. N.
Dodge, Alex.	Love, H. S.	Smith, William	Pollock, Edward
Freelon, T. W.			—13.

WITHDRAWN :

Benson, E. S.	Gamble, J. S.	Hackett, J. K.	Manner, L. G.—4.
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STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Bates, G. C.	Farwell, J. M.	Harris, S. R.	Merrill, Annis
Brown, J. V.	Gibson, J. H.	Heyl, W. S.	Middleton, Jos.
Campbell, Alex.	Hagan, A. H.	Hooper, A. J.	Mount, C. E.
Chauviteau, F.	Hampton, R. B.	Hughes, J. L.	Noe, James—17.
Crozier, R. G.			

DIED :

Addis, Jno.	Finley, J. W.	Hayes, E. M.	Loring, Samuel—4.
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Madison Lodge, No. 23.

Grass Valley, Nevada County.

*Stated Meetings, first Tuesday in each month.***OFFICERS :**

Wm. McCormick, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	Reuben Leech, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
Zenas Wheeler, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	John Madrill, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
A. B. Brady, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	Thos. R. Walker, <i>Marshal,</i>
J. J. Dorsey, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Chas. H. Dodd, <i>{ Stewards,</i>
B. B. Smaile, <i>Secretary,</i>	John Erb, <i>}</i>
	Jas. W. McClure, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters.

Zenas Wheeler,	Wm. McCormick,	O. H. Dibble.
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MASTER MASONS :

Banks, W. E.	Erwin, T.	McClintock, J. T.	Scott, Harrison
Blackford, John	Evans, Morris	McDonald, C. P.	Silvester, Henry
Boardman, J. H.	Falk, Adolphe	McElroy, F.	Smith, C. F.
Brigham, S.	Findley, Thomas	McLaughlin, Edw'd	Smith, C. W. W.
Burnett, John	Gad, Bernard	McLaughlin, J. P.	Solomon, A.
Clough, J. E.	Humiston, Luther	McMurtry, J. H.	Sowers, L. R.
Cook, H. H.	Jessel, Morris	McMurtry, W. S.	Spencer, W. K.
Cowin, Stephen	Kohler, Wm.	Noonan, Patrick	Spofford, E. W.
Crandell, G. N.	Larimer, J. W.	Osborne, A. P.	Sweet, H. H.
Crossett, W. C.	Lockwood, J. W.	Penberthy, Wm.	Tansey, T. R.
Deidenbach, Jos.	Louck, E. V.	Rapp, J. D.	Tilley, W. J.
Delano, A.	Mansu, Z.	Richards, J. J.	Tompkins, E. A.
Dibble, A. B.	Meyers, Simon	Sanders, A.	Watt, Wm.—67.
Edwards, C. R.	Musgrave, R.	Scadden, Henry	

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Farrell, A. J.	Lambert, J. S.	Mayhew, J. S.—3.
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ENTERED APPRENTICES :

Bard, L. L.	Edge, Matthew	Hancock, H. H.	Nisuaner, Wm.—7.
Clapp, W. B.	Freeman, H. F.	Hubbard, F. A.	

WITHDRAWN:

Burges, T. J.	Hollis, W. J.	Richardson, S. C.	Taylor, Samuel
Goad, J. C.	McCoy, John	Stewart, M. L.	Wood, William—8.

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Barnstead, T. S.	Fletcher, Stephen	Phelps, Jonathan—3.
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DIED:

Hodgson, Henry—1.

Mariposa Lodge, No. 24.

Mariposa, Mariposa County.

Stated Meetings, Saturday next preceeding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

William A. King, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	J. A. McDonald, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
R. A. Appling, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	T. J. Farnsworth, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
N. B. Hubbell, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	Miles Goodman, <i>Marshal,</i>
Julius Dettlebach, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Andrew Brown, } <i>Stewards,</i>
John R. Norris, <i>Secretary,</i>	J. J. Marshall, }
James N. Mackay, <i>Tyler.</i>	

Past Masters:

G. B. Abel,	S. A. Merritt, <i>P. J. G. W.</i>	Wm. A. King.
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MASTER MASONS:

Adams, J. T.	Carroll, H. A.	Hubbard, Wm.	Simpson, James
Aeilkema, B. D.	Creighan, James	Jackson, A.	Stiner, C. M.
Aiken, J. M.	Crenshaw, Geo. H.	Jenkins, J. C.	Stockton, J. M.
Appling, E. R.	Crippen, J. D.	Lewis, M. B.	Sweet, S.
Appling, J. H.	Davis, J. H.	Moore, J. N.	Thomas, J. N.
Bell, Samuel	Early, Thomas	McCracken, Jas.	Torney, J. W.
Boling, John	Hart, E. P.	McNamara, J. T.	Valentine, C. T.
Boling, J. L.	Hewitt, E. E.	McNichol, John	Westfall, J. J.
Bowlin, J. S.	Hilham, Thomas	Parker, W. Y.	Williams, Geo. W.
Bowman, J. C.	Howard, J. M.	Rountree, W. A.	Wormser, Simon
Brownfield, S. G.	Howeth, Nelson	Simmons, J. C.	Young, A. H.—57.

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Allen, George	Dorn, A. J.	Heger, D. J.	McNichol, A.
Brodres, R. C.	Grosenmiers, J. F.	Hooker, W. J.	Parker, B. G.
Burchard, W. C.	Heffernon, P. S.	McCrury, J. G.	Shilling, J. D.—13.
Dickey, H. H.			

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Ashman, J. S.	Murry, A. H.	McElroy, A.—3.
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WITHDRAWN:

Boyce, A. D.	Connelly, R. S.	Magner, John	Steptoe, J. T.—7.
Brown, E. D.	Linoberg, L.	Morris, B. F.	

DIED:

Dickinson, O. M.—1.

Georgetown Lodge, No. 25.**Georgetown, El Dorado County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

John B. Harden, *Wor. Master*,
 James D. McMurry, *Sen. Warden*,
 George Beattie, *Jun. Warden*,
 A. D. Rock, *Treasurer*,
 Richard Doncaster, Jr., *Secretary*,

Russell Williams, *Sen. Deacon*,
 George W. Rupert, *Jun. Deacon*,
 W. W. Dodd, } *Stewards*,
 W. S. Canan, }
 S. A. Berry, *Tyler*.

Past Masters:

P. W. Cunningham, John P. Davidson, James Z. Kelly.

MASTER MASONS:

Barney, J. N.	Eisner, Joseph	Jamison, S. M.	Ray, F. G.
Bossout, A. Jr.	Ellis, N. W.	Kittle, A. C.	Robinson, E. J.
Breese, A.	Elson, J. M.	Langley, Charles	Roush, Wm.
Breese, T. W.	Fortunes, Wm.	Lorsbach, Adolph	Russell, H. W.
Buyatte, Louis	Gibbs, W. T.	Martin, David	Smith, J. F.
Carter, William	Gore, J. G.	Mayenbaum, H.	Stockton, Jas.
Chandler, W. H.	Griffith, J. L.	Parker, S. E.	Turner, Jared
Day, R. J.	Hook, G. W.	Peterjonna, P.	Williamson, J. R.
Deverter, Michael	Hughes, J. H.	Porter, Thos.	Wood, W. T.—49.

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Burns, J. A.	Hershey, C. B.	McConnell, Samuel	Ray, J. W.—7.
Castle, J. M.	Myrick, J. W.	Noel, J. T.	

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Donahoo, W. W.	Gathrie, R. M.	Loftus, Jno.	Simmons, J.
Dowds, D. S.	Hewitt, R.	Miller, Thos.	Steel, J. N.
Greenwood, E.	Hubert, G. A.	Mooney, M.	Stewart, E. K.—12.

WITHDRAWN:

Barney, C. S.	Cranston, T. F.	Latchum, G. T.	Peebles, S. S.
Boswell, N. C.	Davis, Matthew	Meinieke, F.	Raybum, L. C.
Courtois, Chas.	Glaze, M.	McConnell, Thos.	Simpson, J. C.—15.
Cox, W. H.	Gunsell, J. H.	Palmer, W. M.	

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Bird, H. B.	Lancaster, W. H.	Oliver, J. W.—3.
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El Dorado Lodge, No. 26.**Placerville, El Dorado County.***Stated Meetings, Monday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

Edgar Bogardus, *Wor. Master*,
 Isaac N. Barnes, *Sen. Warden*,
 F. H. Harmon, *Jun. Warden*,
 L. Tannewald, *Treasurer*,
 Ike. S. Titus, *Secretary*,

W. M. Hale, *Sen. Deacon*,
 Chas. Beasley, *Jun. Deacon*,
 L. B. Hopkins, *Marshal*,
 Richard Hardin, } *Stewards*,
 John Roy, }

J. T. Devoe, *Tyler*.**Past Masters:**

William A. January,	Edgar Bogardus.
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MASTER MASONS:

Arvidson, C. J.	Dorsey, A. S.	Kahn, Aaron	Parker, E. G.
Baber, A. J.	Doyle, Herman	King, John	Plumado, F. H.
Bailey, J. G.	De Golia, D.	Leon, W. F.	Reisch, P. M.
Barnes, C. W.	Eisfeldt, Theo.	Levison, M.	Rowen, J. A.
Barss, F. F.	Fink, F. A.	Little, H.	Smith, W. H.
Biron, Hyman	Fiske, L. C.	Luck, Frank	Stout, G. W.
Borowsky, G.	Frank, Wm.	Mell, Francis	Sulzbacher, Jos.
Borowsky, M.	Gelwicks, D. W.	Moch, J. A.	Thatcher, A. M.
Bush, John	Grabenheim, A.	Moss, Theo.	Turnbull, James
Carr, L. T.	Hawley, A. H.	McBeth, Jas.	Van Vleck, H.
Cartheche, John	Hunter, Alex.	McCully, John	Vernon, W. P.
Crosby, A. C.	Johnson, J. C.	Newell, D. K.	White, Robert—63.
Diehl, I. S.	Johnson, Wm.	Noteware, C. N.	

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Crandall, O. A. Meacham, Benj.—2.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Dorsey, J. M. Parker, A. J. Shields, J. W. Squires, Ogden—4.

WITHDRAWN:

Allen, Jas. H. Caystile, Thos. Davis, J. T. Ober, C. H.
 Buker, J. B. Coughlin, Daniel Le Cam, A. M. Ream, Samuel—9.
 Cardwell, L. S.

Trinity Lodge, No. 27.

Weaverville, Trinity County.

Stated Meetings, last Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

R. T. Miller, *Wor. Master*,
 Jno. A. Watson, *Sen. Warden*,
 Jno. McMurray, *Jun. Warden*,
 A. J. Loomis, *Treasurer*,

R. G. Stuart, *Secretary*,
 J. W. Finley, *Sen. Deacon*,
 J. C. Mason, *Jun. Deacon*,
 _____, *Tyler*.

Past Masters:

M. Ruch, M. W. Personnette, J. S. Pitzer.

MASTER MASONS:

Bilay, A. F.	Harris, J. S.	Mitchell, A.	Sturdivant, J. A.
Burch, Jno. C.	Hessig, Jacob	Molony, Wm.	Sutherland, W. D.
Chellis, J. F.	Hinds, David	Musser, John	Thorpe, L. B.
Dannenbrink, C.	Hocker, Henry	Myers, John	Van Schaick, Wm.
Davidson, H. B.	Howland, Daniel	McGillivray, Jos.	Ware, William
Edwards, F. T.	Hupp, W. J.	McKenzie, F. S.	Wells, F. W.
Felter, A. J.	Kelly, E. A.	Neblett, E.	Wells, R. B.
Fonty, Clinton	Lang, Max	Norcross, O. H. P.	West, W. J.
Gilman, S. S.	Lanver, Joseph	Peschke, F. W.	White, John
Giveen, Wm. C.	Lee, Craven	Potter, D. W.	Wilson, R. W.
Goring, Charles	May, Jno. B.	Price, A. G.	Winston, B. W.
Griffin, M. F.	May, W. B.	Reynolds, Levi	Wood, J. C.—61.
Harris, F.	Messec, J. G.	Simpson, W. G.	

FELLOW CRAFT:

Carter, Jno. W.—1.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Epley, John	Raab, Lewis	Towers, J. O.	Waugh, R. G.—4.
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WITHDRAWN:

Belcher, Galatin	Dexter, S. S.	Grant, John	Lowe, Wm. M.
Carr, John	Driggs, B. B.	Grant, William	Monroe, A.
Darling, H. L.	Gordon, J. B.	Live, Charles	Seaman, H. J.—13.
Davis, J. R.			

DIED:

Holler, Philip (E. A.)—1

Columbia Lodge, No. 28.

Columbia, Tuolumne County.

*Stated Meetings, first Thursday in each Month. **

OFFICERS:

Augustus Campbell, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	John Millington, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
M. S. Toman, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	S. S. Colby, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
M. W. Parsons, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	J. C. Floyd, <i>Marshal,</i>
W. O. Sleeper, <i>Treasurer,</i>	V. R. Raymond, { <i>Stewards,</i>
F. W. H. Aaron, <i>Secretary,</i>	John Heckendom, }
S. Jellerson, <i>Tyler.</i>	

Past Masters:

Augustus Campbell,	James A. Jackson.
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MASTER MASONS:

Bacon, C. A.	Farquhar, Alex.	Kendall, L. N.	Plumer, G. B.
Barnett, John	Ferguson, P. G.	Leavitt, A.	Reasoner, N.
Brazee, J. W.	Fletcher, Andrew	Leon, S.	Riester, John
Campbell, Jas.	Frost, Jacob	Levy, Isaac	Roberts, J.
Carley, Jos.	Gardner, N. B.	Lewis, M. A.	Robinson, R. A.
Coffroth, J. W.	Glover, B. S.	Lockley, E. B.	Skinner, Edward
Conner, J. L.	Goodrich, A. C.	Loring, J. M.	Sparks, J. G.
Day, Ebenezer	Gray, J. A.	Marshall, J. W.	Towle, R. H.
Dornin, J. M.	Hildebrand, M.	Marston, J. R.	Van Amringe, W.
Duchow, J. C.	Howland, L. L.	Miller, H. S.	Wedlake, John
Duncan, J.	Hurford, J. E.	McLaughlin, J. W.	Wellington, E.
Eddy, James	Jolly, John	Nellis, William	Wells, J.
Farnsworth, A.	Keith, J. W.	Parker, G. W.	Williams, F.—64.

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Arthur, Wm.	Benwar, C.	Bowen, P. M.	Yancey, P. M.—4.
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ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Briggs, E. B.	Hershfeldt, B. S.	Merchant, S. D.	Smith, E. M.—4.
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WITHDRAWN:

Blatchley, Ambrose	Gillespie, C. K.	Mills, Edgar	Riley, C. R.
Brundage, V. D.	Genung, A. W.	Mullin, E.	Sampson, G. H.
Collins, J. T.	Hunnewell, A. A.	Mylar, Thos.	Whatley, White—13.
Dillon, Jos.			

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Dryer, T. B.

Markham, W. F.—2.

DIED:

Oxley, T. J.

Taylor, T. R.—2.

Diamond Lodge, No. 29.**Diamond Springs, El Dorado County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

Aaron D. Park, *Wor. Master*,
 Chas. F. Irwin, *Sen. Warden*,
 W. R. Rison, *Jun. Warden*,
 Jas. Ellis, *Treasurer*,
 Alex. Seisbottle, *Secretary*,

E. H. Evans, *Sen. Deacon*,
 E. Ellen, *Jun. Deacon*,
 C. Y. H. Mallory, *Marshal*,
 P. J. Meighan, *{ Stewards*,
 G. H. Carter, *{*

H. Kross, *Tyler*.**Past Masters:**Aaron D. Park, *P. S. G. W.*

Chas. F. Irwin.

MASTER MASONS:

Allen, L.
 Baker, A. J.
 Bowe, Jas. E.

Crittenden, R. D.
 Ellis, Thomas
 Hamm, S. F.

Harkerson, Chas.
 Kaufman, G.
 Keyser, J.

Larkin, H.
 Meeks, E. E. L.
 Shields, F. M.—23.

FELLOW CRAFT:

Haring, John—1.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Lepetit, L.

Solomon, A.

Yount, A. K.—3.

WITHDRAWN:

Akin, Jas.
 Arvidson, A. C.
 Bowe, E. Y.

Gaylor, R.
 Graham, A. J.
 Huse, S. E.

McDaniel, C. M.
 Remington, O. T.

Riley, W. C.
 White, S. H. P.—10.

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Dickey, A. S.

Haas, G.

Richardson, H. M. White, J.—4.

DIED:

Moss, John—1.

Golden Gate Lodge, No. 30.**San Francisco, San Francisco County.***Stated Meetings, first Tuesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Geo. S. Hull, *Wor. Master*.
 Henry J. Morton, *Sen. Warden*,
 Thomas Bigley, *Jun. Warden*,
 Walter B. Cummings, *Treasurer*,
 James C. George, *Secretary*,

James L. Miller, *Sen. Deacon*,
 Martin Carroll, *Jun. Deacon*,
 James A. Wright, *Marshal*,
 John Madison, *{ Stewards*,
 Caleb S. Hobbs, *{*

Joel Noah, (of Occidental Lodge, No 22,) *Tyler*.

Past Masters :

Wm. S. Moses,	Geo. J. Hobe,	L. C. Owen,	Ayer, Washington
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MASTER MASONS :

Abbot, W. A.	Ehman, Robert	Hobe, A. A.	Phelps, W. S.
Adriansen, F.	Elliott, Henry	Hogeboom, L. V.	Prag, Martin
Anderson, A.	Everett, M. V. B.	Horner, R. H.	Reddish, T. J.
Anderson, Jas.	Ezgraber, Wm.	Hunter, John	Rehorn, Conrad
Bartels, Charles	Fairley, Henry	Iverson, Niel	Richardson, A. B.
Baxter, C. G.	Field, E. X.	Jackson, Oscar	Robertson, C. O.
Bon, Charles	Field, H. E.	Jolliffe, W. H.	Sargent, S. F.
Brower, A. B.	Flood, J. C.	Kimball, T. A.	Scott, A. F.
Brown, W. T.	French, Arthur	Kincaid, J. E.	Shaber, J. F.
Buck, Roland	Garcia, J. L.	Kingston, H. A.	Smith, C. W.
Burbank, David	Giffin, O. F.	Knipe, T. J.	Snook, Robert
Carlton, Richard	Goetzen, Nicholas	Kollenbourg, A.	Tyler, T. P.
Churchward, Jas.	Graves, H. T.	Lewis, Richard	Tyre, David
Clark, S. B.	Graves, W. H.	Marchovich, J.	Vail, J. F.
Collins, S. J.	Griffin, Wm.	May, Jno. A.	Valentine, John
Cook, Wm. B.	Hacker, Edward	Middleton, F.	Van Ness, Henry
Corno, Paul	Hall, A. S.	McCombe, Jno.	Van Pelt, J. H.
Cottrell, E. M.	Hall, G. B.	McGuigan, B.	Vollers, Henry
Craig, Peter	Hamilton, Robert	McKibbin, Wm.	Watt, S. F.
Crocker, J. A.	Hanley, G. W.	Nightingale, Jno.	Webster, J. R.
Curtis, C. C.	Hays, James	O'Brien, W. S.	Wetherbee, C. H.
Davron, George	Healey, R. S.	Park, J. C.	Whiteman, G. F.
Dayley, James	Helmke, Gust.	Petty, A. E.	Wilbur, J. P.
Donnellan, B. C.	Henken, M.	Phelps, A. E.	Worthley, T. R.
Donzelman, J. F.	Hewitt, C. H.		—112.

FELLOW CRAFTS :

Bulger, Martin	Dore, Benj.	Godfrey, S. R.	Lewis, S. F.
Dryden, C. P.	Galloway, Wm.	Johnston, J. F.	Matheson, R.—8.

ENTERED APPRENTICES :

Alley, Ephraim	Diggs, W. H.	Fisk, J. H.	Murray, T. J.
Cofran, George	Dolan, P. F.	Gilmore, G. W.	Neal, H. R.
Cox, Edwin	Douglass, G. G.	Morton, F. K.	Shelley, Wm.—12.

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES :

Clark, Charles	Gamage, Samuel	Keefe, John—3.
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Mokelumne Lodge, No. 31.**Mokelumne Hill, Calaveras County.***Stated Meetings, second Tuesday in each month.***OFFICERS :**

Jas. L. Wilkins, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	B. Grable, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
D. L. Mulford, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	J. Maguire, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
M. L. Cozine, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	M. Rowan, <i>} Stewards,</i>
William Innes, <i>Treasurer,</i>	E. J. Manning, <i>}</i>
Jos. P. Douglass, <i>Secretary,</i>	J. G. Miner, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters :

J. C. Reid.	Jas. L. Wilkins.
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MASTER MASONS:

Bacon, E. J.	Ferguson, M. S.	Hodapp, Ed.	Shuler, G. L.
Blum, I.	Florence, S. C.	Jarvis, Smith	Strauss, A.
Boucher, W. K.	Gebhardt, Aug.	Kraft, H.	Strauss, Ab.
Clarke, C. A.	Gebhardt, J. C.	Lyons, J. W.	Thompson, P.
Davidson, L.	Grundy, C.	McDowell, N. S.	Thompson, R.
Dreher, John	Hamilton, W. B.	Page, Lewis	Williams, B. H.
Ellas, C. H.	Heard, S.	Raymond, Gwin	Woolsey, K. S.—39.

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Bach, F.	Hawk, P. J.	Mahan, Daniel	Ratz, William—5.
Hodges, John			

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Ayliffe, S. H.	Hanson, J.	Miller, D. W.	Staples, D. J.
Bader, A.	Highly, Wm.	Moorehouse, E.	Van Pelt, J.
Brush, G. D.	Hooper, H. R.	McKinnie, J. B.	Wade, T. B.
Gilly, J. P.	Magee, S. L.	Peters, Jos.	Zuber, W. L.—16.

WITHDRAWN:

Mayer, Jos.	Parker, T. B.	Wintmiller, D.—3.
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STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Leake, C. A.—1.

DIED:

Buchanan, W. P.—1.

Gold Hill Lodge, No. 32.

Oro City, Placer County.

Stated Meetings, first Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS:

J. B. Henderson, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	H. W. Starr, <i>Secretary,</i>
B. L. Heeth, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	J. E. Stewart, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
D. V. Mason, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	M. Waldren, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
J. Holcomb, <i>Treasurer,</i>	J. W. Spann, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters:

W. W. Caperton,	J. B. Henderson,	J. E. Stewart.
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MASTER MASONS:

Adams, W. V.	Devane, W. R. K.	Marshall, J.	Rusing, E. S.
Beck, W. M.	Hill, J. A.	McClure, S.	Scogin, W. D.
Bond, J. A.	Holder, J.	Rainny, T. T.	Sylvester, E.
Bosquit, John	Honeycutt, L. K.	Roberts, W. E.	Trammel, T. J.
Cordillion, W.	Mandel, E.	Rucker, J. W.	Woods, W. S. C.—30.
Delany, John			

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Malch, Julius	Robinson, J. N.—2.
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ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Blane, George	French, C. G. W.	Latimer, L. D.	Reese, J. M. D.—4.
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WITHDRAWN:

Carter, J. L.	Hendricks, G. J.	Lathrop, T. W.—3.
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STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Sims, J. S.—1.

Ophir Lodge, No. 33.**Murphy's, Calaveras County.***Stated Meetings, fourth Thursday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Wm. H. Barnes, *Wor. Master*,
 Wm. C. Crispen, *Sen. Warden*,
 Riley Senter, *Jun. Warden*,
 Alex. H. Putney, *Treasurer*,
 J. M. Montgomery, *Secretary*,
 Jas. McGowan, *Chaplain*,

Henry Fuhr, *Sen. Deacon*,
 George Metz, *Jun. Deacon*,
 John Heinsdorff, *Marshal*,
 Nelson Card, } *Stewards*,
 J. S. C. Davis, }
 Joseph Harris, *Tyler*.

Past Masters:

J. W. Griswold,

Alex. H. Putney,

W. H. Barnes.

MASTER MASONS:

Bacon, Edmund	Doland, Peter	Jones, William	McLean, H. R.
Biggs, Dennis	Downing, W. R.	Kline, George	Newton, S. T.
Clay, Wm. H.	Emery, A. J.	Lapham, W. W.	Stuart, W. W.
Criswell, Samuel	Green, N. W.	Leonhard, George	Taylor, Ira
Davis, Thomas	Jacobs, Louis	Meneicke, Fred.	Weber, Louis—35.
Deer, Thomas	Johnson, E. W.		

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Fidler, N. L.

Leventhal, Louis

Poulson, John.—3.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Dudrick, Chas.

Miller, William

Traver, P. L.—3.

WITHDRAWN:

Anderson, A. G.	Biggs, N. B.	Light, A. B.	Safaelo, Nicolas
Angelopolo, Henry	Farrar, Leonard	Myers, M. S.	Sinclair, J. B.
Baker, G. G.	Harland, Wm.	Racny, McKee	Smith, Wm.—14.
Beach, G. H.	Hurckle, W. C.		

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Jeffries, R. A.—1.

Santa Clara Lodge, No. 34.**Santa Clara, Santa Clara County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

H. J. Bradley, *Wor. Master*,
 J. Dickson, *Sen. Warden*,
 Geo. P. Swinford, *Jun. Warden*,
 W. B. Stockton, *Treasurer*,

E. T. Starr, *Secretary*,
 H. J. Morgan, *Sen. Deacon*,
 H. Lillie, *Jun. Deacon*,
 James Williams, *Tyler*.

Past Masters:

John Cook,

A. J. Jackson,

H. J. Bradley.

MASTER MASONS:

Benson, A. B.	Gardner, Louis	Messing, H.	Senter, J. N.
Boone, W. D.	Greenia, Joseph	Montgomery, G. B.	Shepherd, F. A.
Brock, E. E.	Herrington, D. W.	McCabe, P. T.	Vincent, G. W.
Caldwell, A. B.	King, D. P.	Rucker, W. T.	Wilheimer, S.—27.
Clayton, Chas.			

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Coon, L. E. V.	Hardwicke, J. W.	Herring, J. H.	Roork, J. H.—4.
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WITHDRAWN:

Anderson, A. P.	Davis, P. J.	Joseph, B.	Strasser, A.
Bayley, A. M.	Gallimore, Wesley	Martin, J. P.	Strasser, L.—11.
Dale, Edward	Habick, Ferd.	Riche, L. M.	

San Diego Lodge, No. 35.**San Diego, San Diego County.***Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Thos. R. Darnall, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	D. B. Kurtz, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
J. R. Gitchell, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	George Lyons, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
H. Manasse, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	G. A. Pendleton, <i>Marshal,</i>
Jos. Smith, <i>Treasurer,</i>	S. Goldman, } <i>Stewards.</i>
E. U. Morse, <i>Secretary,</i>	M. Schiller, }
William A. Treeweek, <i>Tyler.</i>	

Past Masters:

Philip Crosthwaite,	Wm. C. Ferrell,	D. B. Kurtz.
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MASTER MASONS:

Ames, J. J.	Fitzgerald, E. H.	Keating, J. P.	Reiner, Joseph
Bogert, A. C.	Gilbert, Luther	Kendrick, J. J.	Rose, Louis
Bogert, J. C.	Hooper, G. F.	Lassator, J. R.	Swycaffer, Jos.—27.
Couts, C. J.	Jaeger, L. J. F.		

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Connors, J. W.	Van Alst, J. J.—2.
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WITHDRAWN:

De Blois, G. L.	Pendleton, E. B.	Sexton, M. M.—3.
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STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Hoffman, D. B.	Tebbetts, G. P.—2.
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DIED:

Hays, John	Robinson, J. W.—2.
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Butte Lodge, No. 36.**Bidwell's Bar, Butte County.***Stated Meetings, first Saturday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

E. S. Ruggles, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	Gordon Serviss, <i>Secretary,</i>
A. L. Chamberlain, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	S. P. Powell, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
John R. Peacock, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	G. W. Drake, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
G. W. Hess, <i>Treasurer,</i>	A. J. Spaulding, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Master:

E. S. Ruggles.

MASTER MASONS:

Bancroft, C. A.	Freer, Peter	Martin, D. G.	Marx, Louis—14.
England, J. T.	Lamp, G.		

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Marshall, Wm.	Peilsticker, F. A.—2.
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WITHDRAWN:

Baker, R. C.	Chapin, Miles	Griffiths, E. A.	Stearns, Minot
Bidwell, John	Crossette, G. H.	Keefer, Henry	Van Norden, R. T.
Block, Joseph	Gluckauf, Jos.	Mathews, Wm.	Walsh, Michael—14.
Callow, Thomas	Goodrich, O. O.		

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Alsbaugh, J. H.	Gilkyson, J. W.	Hoffstetter, J. G.	Smith, Levi
Arthur, D. G.	Harris, P. H.	Reynolds, Horace	Wells, Thomas—11.
Farnin, Joseph	Hobart, W. W.	Sabelfelt, C. A.	

St. John's Lodge, No 37.

Yreka, Siskiyou County.

Stated Meetings, first Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Joseph Smith, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	N. H. Millard, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
Geo. W. Sleeper, <i>Sen. Warden.</i>	H. F. Tardy, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
Geo. W. Jackson, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	Geo. T. Terry, <i>Marshal,</i>
William Grow, <i>Treasurer,</i>	E. K. Phipps, } <i>Stewards,</i>
C. W. Tozer, <i>Secretary,</i>	S. Cohen, }
J. L. Cummins, <i>Tyler.</i>	

Past Masters:

Jonathan Green,	Joseph Tyson.
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MASTER MASONS:

Anthony, E. M.	Connolly, John	Isaacs, D.	Stratton, R. B.
Batterton, W. D.	Cutler, N. T.	Kelly, James	Turner, J. D.
Bibend, Chas.	Dryer, Hiram	Killebrew, Wm.	White, H. K.
Castel, J. M.	Hansen, Jacob	Lennox, John	White, M. C.—32.
Colton, D. D.	Heard, E. H.	Reid, H. M.	

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Horsley, F. C.	Lowry, D. H.	Morse, H. M.	Tornoskie, J.—5.
Ingraham, Jos.			

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Emerson, W. H.	Hollenback, D. S.	Morehead, J.	Pierce, J. B.—5.
Fairleigh, Wm.			

WITHDRAWN:

Arnold, F. M.	Dyer, John	Flannegan, E.	Runkle, M. A.
Creegan, Jas.	Fairchild, J. W.	Livingston, F.	Shunway, G. W.—9.
Duff, John			

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

George, Abel—1.

DIED:

Gross, Charles—1.

Santa Cruz Lodge, No. 38.**Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

J. F. J. Bennett, *Wor. Master*,
 A. W. Rawson, *Sen. Warden*,
 H. J. Hill, *Jun. Warden*,
 C. Winterhelder, *Treasurer*,

N. H. Stockton, *Secretary*,
 Samuel Drennan, *Sen. Deacon*,
 J. L. Prewett, *Jun. Deacon*,
 J. B. Arcan, *Tyler*.

Past Masters:

N. H. Stockton, H. W. Peck, B. T. Buckley, A. W. Rawson.

MASTER MASONS:

Bessee, J. N.	Evans, G. W.	Kitridge, F. M.	Scott, H. D.
Brummett, Jas.	Fleck, John	Moore, T. W.	Sincleer, Prewett
Curtiss, John	Frederick, J. L.	Parsons, H. F.	Sterns, J. P.
Dame, J. B.	Green, S. S.	Patterson, J. R.	Tracy, Peter
Dochery, John	Gregory, D. S.	Porter, J. T.	Vestal, R. K.
Dobbinbiss, John	Hutchins, N.	Riley, J. C.	Wilson, O. P.—36.
Durham, E.	Imas, H. A.		

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Gatch, T. M. Hodgeden, G. W. *McMorris, Jno.—3.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Hinkley, H. G. Lynch, S. J. Waters, James—3.

WITHDRAWN:

Baggerman, John Pinkham, J. F. Stampely, O. K. Tyns, J. B.—4.

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

Cannon, E. G.—1.

Yuba Lodge, No. 39.**Marysville, Yuba County.***Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Charles Raish, *Wor. Master*.
 Wm. C. Stokes, *Sen. Warden*,
 Joseph M. Brown, *Jun. Warden*,
 L. Lewis, *Treasurer*,

Jos. De Bell, *Secretary*,
 Anderson Seavy, *Sen. Deacon*,
 Max Armer, *Jun. Deacon*,
 Fred. Schreiber, *Tyler*.

Past Masters:

A. Maurice, Jr. J. T. Dickey, Jos. De Bell.

MASTER MASONS:

Bowman, J. S.	Evans O. M.	Harney, D. H.	Pearkes, Fred.
Bromberger, M. A.	Everts, F. D.	Kernan, Thomas H.	Potter, L. M.
Campbell, W. A.	Fairfax, C. S.	Keyser, P. W.	Seward, Thos.
Cazaux, H. B.	Garst, E.	Logan, A. D.	Shakespeare, B. F.
Champlin, Ira	Gear, George	Marcuse, M.	Shultz, Max
Cummins, Samuel	Glassen, L.	Mesick, R. S.	Smith, Robert T.
Creps, W. H.	Glickman, J.	McClintock, Wm.	Taylor, Thomas J.
Donovan, Thomas	Goodwin, J. D.	McDuffie, J. Y.	Wagner, Henry—42.

* Permission given to receive degrees elsewhere.

FELLOW CRAFT:

Gaver, E. S.—1.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Davis, D. L.

Webb, Alanson B.

Worms, J.—3.

WITHDRAWN:

Belknap, F. G.
Ford, Charles
Hinman, J. M.

Levy, Charles
Lichtenstein, S.
Orr, William

Rinfrew, Alex.
Tanchen, Hyman
Tuska, A.

Whitehill, Isaac
Wright, B. T.—11.

Sacramento Lodge, No. 40.

Sacramento, Sacramento County.

Stated Meetings, first Friday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Wm. F. Knox, *Wor. Master*,
Wm. H. Hill, *Sen. Warden*,
Andrew Aitken, *Jun. Warden*,
A. Mayer, *Treasurer*.

C. D. Hossack, *Secretary*,
J. L. Shuck, *Chaplain*,
F. Foster, *Sen. Deacon*,
H. H. Pearson, *Jun. Deacon*,

O. D. Chafee, (of Tehama Lodge, No. 3,) *Tyler*.

Past Masters:

J. L. English,

J. H. Gass,

J. M. Koon,

Wm. F. Knox.

MASTER MASONS:

Alvord, J. H.
Anthony, James
Asher, A. B.
Behrand H.
Boreas, H.
Brown, J. Q.
Cook, Hiram

Cornwall, P. B.
Dexter, S. F.
Edwards, P. L.
Gardiner, F.
Greenebaum, H.
Henry, W. P.
Hyman, A.

Jacobs, H.
Johnston, J.
Kaneen, J. S.
King, D.
Light, W. W.
Millar, J. H.

Millgate, T.
Montgomery, J. F.
McGowan, Robert
Pearis, R. A.
Sherman, E. A.
Wilcoxson, J.—37.

FELLOW CRAFT:

Turton, William—1.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Farmer, L.
Homers, M.

Hudson, J.

Riley, W. F.

Spencer, D. C.—5.

WITHDRAWN:

Borneman, W. G.

King, J.

Kosminsky, H.

Kohlman, Jacob—4.

Martinez Lodge, No. 41.

Martinez, Contra Costa County.

Stated Meetings, Saturday next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

Thomas A. Brown, *Wor. Master*,
Leopold Lazar, *Sen. Warden*,
W. H. Buckley, *Jun. Warden*,
Emanuel Lazar, *Treasurer*,

Jno. F. S. Smith, *Secretary*,
Wm. J. Franklin, *Sen. Deacon*,
Elias Blum, *Jun. Deacon*,
Geo. J. Pattison, *Tyler*.

Past Master:

Thomas A. Brown.

MASTER MASONS:

Armstrong, J. F.	Cryan, Thomas	McClure, David	Tennent, John
Barkley, A.	Flippen, J. T.	O'Brien, J. C.	Thompson, J. H.
Beryesa, J. S.	Fogg, Hiram	Penniman, A. C.	Thurn, Cipriano
Borden, R. E.	Foster, Frank B.	Prince, T. B.	Tucker, John
Bowen, N. S.	Hastings, L. H.	Small, Daniel	Weld, Ed. F.
Brown, Warren	Hooper, W. A.	Strode, S. E.	Wyatt, Wm.
Clark, Geo. R.	Johnson, H. W.	Such, Francis L.	Wood, N. B.—38.
Classen, Henry	Mills, Hiram		

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Gibson, Joseph

Worth, Geo. F.—2.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Butler, David	Cook, Lewis	Rountree, Jno. M.	Wittenmyer, L. C.
Caldwell, J. McU.	Hunsaker, Jas. C.		—6.

WITHDRAWN:

Hoffman, Christian	Leavitt, Wm. K.	Morgan, J. N.	Yager, Cornelius
Kendrick, Terrel			—5.

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Lane, James N.—1.

DIED:

Wood, R. N.—1.

Los Angeles Lodge, No. 42.

Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.

Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Henry N. Alexander, <i>Wor. Master</i> ,	James H. Lander, <i>Secretary</i> ,
Benjamin S. Eaton, <i>Sen. Warden</i> ,	William H. Perry, <i>Sen. Deacon</i> ,
Samuel Prager, <i>Jun. Warden</i> ,	Samuel Meyer, <i>Jun. Deacon</i> ,
Julius L. Morris, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Perry Switzer, <i>Tyler</i> .

Past Masters.

Lewis Granger,	J. B. Winston,	Thos. Foster.	Jacob Elias.
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MASTER MASONS:

Allanson, H. S.	Hale, Chas. E.	McFarland, J. P.	Scott, J. R.
Barker, Thos. G.	Hamilton, Henry	McLaughlin, Hiram	Shackno, Chas.
Bishop, S. A.	Hartman, Isaac	Newmark, H. C.	Shore, John W.
Brent, Jos. L.	Henderson, A. J.	Norton, Moses	Smith, W. A.
Carson, Geo. H.	Hodges, A. P.	Pesunte, Julian	Stanley, J. Q. A.
Clark, A. H.	Johnson, W. M.	Peterson, Wm. H.	Steward, J.
Dean, Peter	Kalisher, Wolf	Portugal, Adolph	Turner, Jno. B.
Foster, Timothy	Keller, Matthew	Potter, William	Waite, Jas. L.
Gass, O. D.	Laventhal, Elias	Rains, John	Wettergreen, F.
Gilchrist, Ira	Marks, B.	Rich, Jacob	Wilson, B. D.—57.
Goldberg, H.	Morris, James	Sainsevain, Louis	
Goodman, M. L.	Morris, Moritz		

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Hancock, Henry	Reed, James	Shelly, Alfred	Thompson, Jas.—5.
Lobheim, Samuel			

ENTERED APPRENTICES :

Banning, Phineas	Dodson, A. M.	Morris, Jacob	Page, Thos. P.
Barker, B. B.	Hereford, T. S.	Mossman, J. L.	Welsh, J. C.
Brundige, M. D.	Jackson, Simon	McClanahan, C. W.	Woodworth, W.—12.

WITHDRAWN :

Feruer, Samuel.—1.

DIED :

Vinsonhaler, L. D.—1.

Hiram Lodge, No. 43.**El Dorado, El Dorado County.***Stated Meetings, Monday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS :**

Darwin Chase, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	Thos. A. Gault, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
Jos. E. Simmons, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	Jno. R. Crocker, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
W. H. Pavay, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	Geo. G. Blanchard, <i>Marshal,</i>
Chas. P. Jackson, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Hugh Newell, } <i>Stewards,</i>
Thos. J. Orgon, <i>Secretary,</i>	Wm. K. Leveridge, }

B. Hammel, *Tyler.***Past Masters :**

R. Hull,

O. B. Westcott,

Chas. Meredith.

* **MASTER MASONS :**

Anderson, Robert	Cohn, Myer	Lasky, M.	Norton, D. E.
Anderson, Stephen	Dexter, Lorenzo	Lee, H. T.	Price, William
Annable, J. W.	Dorsey, T. S.	Lutnesky, Vincent	Reibsaum, Wm.
Barlow, G. W.	Fiske, H. M.	Maxey, J. B.	Steuben, Zane
Bates, B. F.	Foster, Theron	Merritt, H. W.	Waterfield, Thos.
Bean, John	Gardner, I.	Miller, J. H.	Wetherwax, J. M. B.
Berg, Emanuel	Hall, Calvin	McCormick, Jas.	White, G. C.
Boyd, Charles	Hinman, M. D.	McIntyre, R. G.	Wyatt, G. W.—49.
Cohn, A.	Huber, John	Nichols, Jeremiah	

FELLOW CRAFT :

Dodge, J. W.—1.

ENTERED APPRENTICES.

Cheshire, Robert

Hannam, W. W.—2.

WITHDRAWN :

Bean, William

Mason, T. S.—2.

Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 44.**San Francisco, San Francisco County.***Stated Meetings, second Wednesday in each month.***OFFICERS :**

Philip W. Shephard, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	S. M. Keifer, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
J. E. Terrell, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	James Hunter, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
Geo. C. Hickox, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	Ole Bergson, <i>Marshal,</i>
W. Melvin Smith, <i>Treasurer,</i>	C. Cameron, } <i>Stewards.</i>
Henry L. Davis, <i>Secretary,</i>	Alex. Eaton, }
S. W. Holladay, <i>Chaplain,</i>	

Joel Noah, (of Occidental Lodge, No. 22.) *Tyler.*

Past Masters:

P. W. Shepheard, *D. G. M.*
C. R. Saunders,

Reuben Clark,
Jos. Shannon,

E. A. Theller,
C. T. Wilson.

MASTER MASONS:

Abrahamson, P.	Corser, C. H.	Kenny, George L.	Randolph, W. C.
Ackley, Lyman	Cox, J. W.	King, Minor	Reichert, J. A.
Alexander, J. D.	Creighton, F.	King, Richard	Robinson, J. C.
Atwill, J. F.	Dahlman, Charles	Krahe, W. A.	Ruggles, J. E.
Babcock, B. E.	Davis, E. S.	Kuchel, C.	Sawyer, E. D.
Badger, Wm. G.	Davis, J. P.	Laurie, J. R.	Scarborough, J. W.
Barman, Jonas	Dean, E. S.	Lent, Silas	Seovill, H. W.
Bass, Thomas J.	Devinney, James	Loomis, W. E.	Sherk, Louis
Batchelder, L. L.	Doane, Charles	Luddington, G. C.	Silverthorn, W. H.
Bee, A. W.	Eayrs, H. P.	Lumbeck, S.	Smith, E. L.
Bemis, C. C.	Everard, James	Martin, Wilmot	Smith, Hezekiah
Bennett, R. H.	Flint, Wilson	Marx, Samuel	Smith, Leonidas
Berkle, L. H.	Fobes G. P.	May, Joseph	Sunder, George
Blum, Charles	Folk, Solomon	Merrill, J. M.	Swain, J. H.
Birgham, A.	Franz, Bernard	Meyerfeld, M.	Tewksbury, J. M.
Bourne, J. B.	Fry, George	Michael, Aaron	Tobias, A. S.
Brittain, J. W.	Gardner, S. C.	Moses, B. F.	Torrence, John
Brooks, J. K.	Garrison, W. R.	MacCrellish, F.	Umbur, Charles
Brooks, R. C.	Gilman, A. M.	McKenzie, J. T.	Vollum, G. W.
Burkhead, W. N.	Gordon, James	Nagle, G. D.	Waldhams, William
Burrows, O. H.	Hall, Milton Jr.	Nelson, G. H.	Walton, John
Bush, David	Hawley, C. A.	Newcomb, C. S.	Wells, G. W.
Campbell, A. C.	Hedges, G. M.	Nias, G. E.	White, Martin
Canfield, J. G.	Higgins, G. E.	Owens, P. A.	Wiggins, C. L.
Clarke, A. H.	Howard, Benjamin	Prichard, S. H.	Willet, E. W.
Cohen, S. H.	Humphreys, L.	Proschold, Charles	Wooley, L. M. H.
Cogliandoli, F.	Hutchins, U. P.	Radston, Jacob	Wright, A. S.—127.
Coker, Edward	Kaplan, Louis	Raimond, R. E.	

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Bills, H. C.	Judah, C. D.	Sparrow, Thomas	Woods, G. W.—5.
Jones, L. D.			

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Barrow, Samuel	Chipman, C.	Gilbert, J. A.	Sheppard, John
Blake, G. W.	Cole, N. W.	Haskell, Leonidas	Sullivan, J. W.
Brady, J. B.	Dehon, T. M. J.	Moulton, Josiah	Upton, E. A.—12.

WITHDRAWN:

Abrams, J. C.	Godfrey, William	Lee, Harvey	O'Brien, J.
Blaisdell, H. G.	Hollings, C. H.	Love, Jno. S.	Rand, Chas. E.
Birch, William	Hooley, R. M.	Martin, J. M.	Robinson, T. P.
Davies, J. S.	Hopkins, M.	Morganstein, M.	Thurber, E. R.—16.

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Brown, J. E.	Dessau, J. H.	Kewen, E. J. C.	Martin, G. T.—6.
Cowen, P.	Hyam, B. D.		

DIED:

Charrington, W. H.—1.

Crescent Lodge, No. 45.**Crescent City, Del Norte County.***Stated Meetings, Monday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

E. Mason, *Wor. Master*,
 L. M. Preston, *Sen. Warden*,
 B. Goldsmith, *Jun. Warden*,
 C. L. Krutli, *Treasurer*,

H. Friedman, *Secretary*,
 J. A. Lord, *Sen. Deacon*,
 Fr. Nauche, *Jun. Deacon*,
 N. Tack, *Tyler*.

Past Masters:

E. Y. Naylor,

E. Mason.

MASTER MASONS:

Bell, P. W.	Hahn, S.	Ottenheimer, Jul.	Stateler, J. W.
Butler, A. J.	Hart, H. M.	Peveler, P. H.	Vorlander, E.
Fletcher, E. P.	Lewis, D. C.	Pierce, S. B.	Wall, J. G.
Gilkey, L. B.	Montgomery, L. D.	Smith, W. D. L. F.	Whipple, S. G.—27.
Goldman, M.	Myers, William		

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Heilner, Siegmund Morford, R. B.—2.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Hoover, D. Murphy, P. Watkins, L. D.—3.

WITHDRAWN:

Church, S. T.	Holton, D. S.	Mann, J. F.	Nordheimer, B.—7.
Gilmore, T. B.	Jackson, T. A.	McComb, D. W.	

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Lawton, G. T.—1.

Texas Lodge, No. 46.**San Juan, Monterey County.***Stated Meetings, second Saturday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

W. B. L. Clarke, *Wor. Master*,
 G. W. Russell, *Sen. Warden*,
 J. J. Lindsey, *Jun. Warden*,
 J. T. Clarke, *Treasurer*,

J. P. Lane, *Secretary*,
 J. T. Collins, *Sen. Deacon*,
 Geo. E. Bennett, *Jun. Deacon*,
 Jas. A. Webb, *Tyler*.

Past Master:

W. B. L. Clarke.

MASTER MASONS:

Ashley, D. R.	Cervantes, A. L.	Jordan, F.	Stone, M.
Barton, John	Fuhlgam, G. F.	Matthew, R. L.	Taylor, R. B.
Bennett, W. C.	Hill, Jesse	Mylar, Israel	Turner, J. H.
Black, J. S.	Hubbard, W. G.	McFadden, O. P.	Williams, E. L.
Butterfield, J.	Hunt, John	Page, John	Williamsson, Wm.
Campbell, J. L.	Johnson, J. L.	Shaw, T. J.	—31.

FELLOW CRAFT:

Jones, H. S.—1.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Abbey, A.	Burns, S. H.	Day, T. W.	Reynolds, E. A.
Bain, W. R.	Carlisle, Robert	Head, S. C.	Sargent, J. P.—10.
Bryant, B.	Curtis, W.		

WITHDRAWN:

Chism, J. E.	Franklin, J. S.	Mylar, Isaac	Story, E. F.
Chism, J. V.	Joyce, W. W.	Norris, Jas. A.	Wise, A.—8.

Michigan City Lodge, No. 47.**Michigan Bluffs, Placer County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

J. T. Higbee, <i>Wor. Master</i> ,	J. W. Byrd, <i>Sen. Deacon</i> ,
P. D. Butler, <i>Sen. Warden</i> ,	Jas. S. Stackhouse, <i>Jun. Deacon</i> .
David Taggard, <i>Jun. Warden</i> ,	E. T. Darling, } <i>Stewards</i> ,
Jacob Levin, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	J. H. Brown, }
F. E. Noble, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Benjamin White, <i>Tyler</i> .

Past Master:

Benjamin Bonnet.

MASTER MASONS:

Adams, J. Q.	Edgington, A. M.	McCormick, J. D.	Smith, Chas. A.
Baker, J. H.	Falkner, Zach.	McCoy, J. P.	Smith, W. Guy
Bartlette, E. H.	Ferguson, Curry	McCulloch, G. K.	Stewart, J. K.
Beery, Joseph	Freeman, Jno. E.	Peck, Chas. M.	Stoner, Philip
Bell, J. W.	Halligan, D. M.	Pool, A. W.	Swan, Chas. A.
Blake, C. T.	Hyland, P. G.	Reid, C. C.	Thomas, Morgan
Burland, Robert	Kloppinburg, D. W.	Reinstein, S.	Thomas, William
Coburn, S. S.	Loyd, E. H.	Shain, Warren	Tyler, Edwin
Collins, S. W.	Lytle, Thompson	Shaw, Philo D.	Waters, J. W.
Cooley, J. B.	Moor, John	Shawl, Mark	Watkins, Cyrus
Drurey, J. W.	McCollum, N.	Shepard, R. D.	Whyte, M. M.—55.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Bates, Charles	Case, S. R.	Greer, Jas. A.	Jones, W. H.—4.
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WITHDRAWN:

Hancock, J. H.	Passmore, W. H.	Whiting, D. L.—3.
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STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Jones, E. R.	Weis, Jacob—2.
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DIED:

Low, Chas. A.	Mason, A. A.—2.
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Lebanon Lodge, No. 49.*San Francisco, San Francisco County.***Stated Meetings, fourth Thursday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Louis Cohn, <i>Wor. Master</i> ,	Henry Adler, <i>Sen. Deacon</i> ,
F. A. Benjamin, <i>Sen. Warden</i> ,	Henry Weil, <i>Jun. Deacon</i> ,
Henry J. Labatt, <i>Jun. Warden</i> ,	A. Rosenfield, <i>Marshal</i> ,
M. Elgutter, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	S. Mayer, } <i>Stewards</i> ,
B. Simon, <i>Secretary</i> ,	D. Abrams, }
Joel Noah, (of Occidental Lodge, No. 22.) <i>Tyler</i> .	

* Charter revoked, May, A. L. 5858.

Past Masters :

John F. Damon,

Jacob Mayer.

MASTER MASONS :

Barnett, S.	Garwood, J. S.	Marçal, J.	Sporberg, M.
Bloomingtondale, E.	Godchaux, L.	Mendel, W.	Steinhart, Wm.
Brandt, B. L.	Goldsmith, L.	Meyer, M.	Steppacher, M.
Breslauer, H.	Greenberg, L.	McKenna, John	Sutro, G.
Caro, W.	Henriquez, A.	Newman, E.	Tichnor, L.
Carter, R. W.	Houseman, James	Oppenheim, M.	Trapet, R.
Cohen, F. J.	Hunter, W. T.	Pearce, R. R.	Triest, B.
Cohn, Solomon	Justh, H.	Peck, R.	Uhlfelder, S.
Coleman, E.	Kalisher, E. D.	Reese, Michael	Van Vleck, A.
Cook, Charles	King, Thomas	Roesing, E. L.	Wally, D.
Craner, S.	Levy, S.	Rosenstock, S. W.	Weiler, L.
Duxbury, E. C.	Lewis, H. M.	Sheier, G.	Willis, Ed.
Falkenstein, Hy.	Lewis, Fred.	Sichel, M.	Wolf, A.
Fisher, B.	Livingston, M.	Silverstone, S.	Wolf, B.
Frankenthal, M.	Loewenstein, J.	Smiley, G. W.	Wolf, Jno. L.
Fulda, R.	Manna, S.	Solomons, S.	Zeile, Jno.—77.
Gambitz, K.			

FELLOW CRAFTS :

Levy, Emanuel

Sharp, L.

Torres, E.—3.

ENTERED APPRENTICES :

Fell, E. L.

Meyer, Wm.

Roas, E. R.

Wallace, J. S.—4

WITHDRAWN :

Cohn, L. M.

Hotchins, Tom

Jacoby, W.

Pecare, M.—5.

Gutte, Isidor

SUSPENDED BY ORDER OF THE GRAND MASTER.

Mayer, Joseph—1.

Forbestown Lodge, No. 50.**Forbestown, Butte County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS :**

H. W. Brown, *Wor. Master*,
 W. L. Panton, *Sen. Warden*,
 John Whealdon, *Jun. Warden*,
 Samuel Bowers, *Treasurer*,

R. C. Gaskill, *Secretary*,
 William Snyder, *Sen. Deacon*,
 E. B. Sparkes, *Jun. Deacon*,
 C. O. Foot, *Tyler*.

Past Masters ;

A. G. Simpson,

H. W. Brown.

MASTER MASONS :

Bloomfield, L.	Harris, Jehial	McMillan, Jas.	Walch, Michael
Borge, Jas. P.	Hillman, George	Plum, N. D.	Watson, J. A.
Callaghan, Samuel	Jones, John	Roundtree, John	Wilson, H. W.
Dorland, T. J.	Jordan, W. H.	Sharp, J. N.	Wilson, M. W.
Gronsel, Andrew	Lillard, J. M.	Sutherland, John	Winkler, Aug.—30.
Guthrie, J. P.			

FELLOW CRAFT :

Preston, Samuel—1.

WITHDRAWN :

King, J. N. B.

Saucet, Henry

Thrasher, J. T.—3.

DIED :

Abney, James

McKee, David—2.

Illinoistown Lodge, No. 51.**Illinoistown, Placer County.***Stated Meetings, first Saturday in each month.***OFFICERS :**

Jehoiakim Jones, *Wor. Master*,
 William M. Stewart, *Sen. Warden*,
 J. D. Hitton, *Jun. Warden*,
 E. J. Brickell, *Treasurer*,

Geo. W. Applegate, *Secretary*,
 A. L. Hodge, *Sen. Deacon*,
 L. D. Brown, *Jun. Deacon*,
 B. Brickell, *Tyler*.

Past Masters :

Jehoiakim Jones,

Geo. W. Applegate.

MASTER MASONS:

Baldwin, J. W.
 Banks, E. L.
 Bigham, Joshua
 Burge, Jas. T.
 Campbell, W. B.
 Carter, Jackson

Cate, J. K.
 Cheesbro, A.
 Cook, J. W.
 Dow, W.
 Fish, Franklin

Himes, W. A.
 Lewis, P.
 Moore, B. F.
 McNally, John
 Quinn, A. V.

Quirk, William
 Rice, Charles
 Sherman, A. L.
 Smith, R. A.
 Wynn, J. Y.—29.

WITHDRAWN:

Bradley, E. L.

Hammond, L. G.—2.

Rough and Ready Lodge, No. 52.**Rough and Ready, Nevada County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next succeeding Full Moon.***OFFICERS :**

E. W. Roberts, *Wor. Master*,
 S. P. Jackson, *Sen. Warden*,
 S. M. Gilham, *Jun. Warden*,
 C. Beckman, *Treasurer*,
 William Coombe, *Secretary*,

Wm. D. Washburne, *Sen. Deacon*,
 S. S. Heyden, *Jun. Deacon*,
 H. C. Melborne, *Marshal*,
 H. Schardin, }
 E. Robins, } *Stewards*,

John Murphy, *Tyler*.**Past Masters :**

A. C. Kean,

J. K. Smith.

MASTER MASONS:

Ashburne, H. A.
 Ault, W. C.
 Bernadotte, E. J.
 Boyce, S. V.
 Boyce, W. P.
 Clarke, N. W.
 Coffey, William
 Congleton, A. C.

Ebright, J. H.
 French, S. P.
 Harper, D. E.
 Heritage, Jos.
 Hoffman, H.
 Inskip, W. S.
 King, George
 Lowenthal, L.

Merrill, M.
 Montgomery, Jno.
 McAllis, Jno.
 McCracken, J.
 Nathans, B.
 Owens, Jas.
 Smith, J. L. P.

Stewart, A.
 Taylor, C. O.
 Troxel, B. B.
 Van Hagan, J. B.
 Weaver, George
 Weil, A.
 Young, P. R.—43.

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Crabtree, B.

Hoadly, W.

Jinson, A.

Scott, W. C.—4.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Lund, L. W.

Willing, L.—2.

WITHDRAWN :

Congleton, J. E.

Marsh, P. P.—2.

SUSPENDED:

Moose, J. L.—1.

DIED:

Hamlin, G. A.—1.

St. James Lodge, No. 54.**Jamestown, Tuolumne County.***Stated Meetings, second Friday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

John J. Willis, *Wor. Master*,
 Wm. D. Newton, *Sen. Warden*,
 William Dunphy, *Jun. Warden*,
 Benjamin Randall, *Treasurer*,

G. Joseph, *Secretary*,
 E. Sharrock, *Sen. Deacon*,
 William G. Long, *Jun. Deacon*,
 G. B. Wyman, *Tyler*.

Past Masters:

John J. Willis,

Wm. D. Newton.

MASTER MASONS:

Baxter, L. J.	Gibbon, Thos. J.	Myers, John	Poretti, David
Beretti, William	Hildreth, Thos.	Nye, A. R.	Quinn, J. M.
Brunton, Thos. C.	Howard, J. A.	Pareira, John	Severa, Francis
Donels, Thos.	Keith, A. J.	Parks, E.	Turk, James H.
Emanuel, Henry	Leland, Adolphus	Pope, Ebenezer	Wing, Stephen
Fleming, J. W.	Marie, J. B.	Pope, Wm. A.	Wolf, Casper—32.

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Myers, M.

Simmons, F. H.—2.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Ackerman, Isaac	Paine, W.	Rogers, E. A.	Tribou, G. F.—6.
Lake, G. P.	Parsons, Jas.		

WITHDRAWN:

Bettis, O. J.	Grogan, Peter	Scott, Chas. L.	Stonecipher, P.
Claiborne, J. W.	Lea, Jno. C.	Spencer, J. C.	Willis, Thos. N.—10.
Danziger, Henry	Maltby, J.		

Suisun Lodge, No. 55.**Suisun, Solano County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

P. O. Clayton, *Wor. Master*,
 Nathan Cutler, *Sen. Warden*,
 Philip Palmer, *Jun. Warden*,
 J. B. Lemon, *Treasurer*,

J. M. Jones, *Secretary*,
 G. G. Gardner, *Sen. Deacon*,
 G. W. Cord, *Jun. Deacon*,
 James Calvin, *Tyler*.

Past Masters:

Nathan Cutler,

Charles Maul.

MASTER MASONS :

Aldrige, Frank	Cochran, R. M.	Jackson, F. L.	Robinson, John
Anderson, A. P.	Cutler, Jacob	Keeny, J. M.	Rush, Hiram
Booth, David	Garnett, J. L.	Manka, C.	Russell, Henry
Brown, C. W.	Gessner, Wm.	Mekissick, J. P.	Smith, S. S.
Brown, W. B.	Hall, R. K.	Owen, J. W.	Thomas, Benj.
Carberry, J. J.	Hayes, R. K.	Reeves, D. D.	Winchel, Amos
Chadborn, Jos.	Jackson, A. P.	Rice, H. B.	Wolfscale, Milton
Clark, C. P.			—38.

FELLOW CRAFTS :

Hall, C. W.	Lewis, Richard	McKune, H. E.—3.
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ENTERED APPRENTICE :

Williams, N. P.—1.

WITHDRAWN :

Carberry, A.	Hayes, G. W.	Long, John—3.
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Volcano Lodge, No. 56.

Volcano, Amador County.

Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS :

J. W. Bicknell, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	Robert Stewart, <i>Secretary,</i>
Charles Wilson, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	W. S. Rynerson, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
C. J. Hubbard, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	S. H. Hunt, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
A. Thaurkauf, <i>Treasurer,</i>	L. C. M. Kelly, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters :

J. Orton,	J. W. Bicknell, <i>J. G. W.</i>
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MASTER MASONS :

Aram, John	Henry, E. F.	Longinotti, M. A.	Steward, Thomas
Armstrong, David	Johnson, Anderson	Munckton, George	Tulloch, James
Baldwin, J. W.	Jones, W. H.	McKee, Amos	Vance, Richard
Clark, Isaac	King, G. W.	Reichling, Francis	Welch, J. N.
Foster, Jno. A.	Logan, P. F.	Rose, A. W.	White, John—29.

FELLOW CRAFT :

Foster, Joseph—1.

ENTERED APPRENTICES :

Burdon, B.	Dougle, William	Harden, A. L.	Pike, J. C.
Christian, R. C.	Goff, E.	Low, A. H.	Spaulding, N. W.
Cool, P. Y.	Goldsworthy, Jas.	Maddock, Joseph	Springer, T. A.—12.

WITHDRAWN :

Ayer, Washington	Griswold, J. N.	Milligan, J.	Ross, A.
Bell, S. A.	Hudson, W.	Myers, Abraham	Shacklett, G. W.
Briggs, S. G.	Isaacs, R.	Page, John D.	Swanger, S.
Chapman, A. L.	Johnson, Irwin	Payne, B. W.	Tebbs, Moses
Clements, David	Land, A. L.	Pendleton, J. C.	Walker, G. R.
Drey, E.	Latham, O.	Reed, W. D.	Wertz, G.—24.

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES :

Champion, J. C.	Douglass, M. A.	Turner, S. L.	Williams, J. P.—4.
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Santa Rosa Lodge, No. 57.**Santa Rosa, Sonoma County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

Joseph H. Griggs, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	William Churchman, <i>Secretary,</i>
William M. Holmes, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	A. J. Mothershead, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
Matthew Henderson, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	J. T. Jones, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
John Hendley, <i>Treasurer,</i>	John G. Huff, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters:

Achille Richardson,	Joseph H. Griggs,	Edward Fisher,	W. D. Deering.
John G. Huff,	S. S. Todd,		

MASTER MASONS:

Barnes, E. H.	Dooley, E. M.	Larabee, H. P.	Neal, James
Blair, Thos. N.	Fife, Andrew	Laughlin, J. M.	Ormsby, J. S.
Bledsoe, A. C.	Fisher, Fenwick	Lockley, E. B.	Prewitt, James
Brown, John	Fulkerson, Richard	Long, M. A.	Reynolds, Jas. A.
Calhoun, J. W.	Hereford, E. W.	Matthews, C. W.	Sanders, G. P.
Campbell, J. A.	Holmes, Calvin	Mize, Merrill	Smith, Isaac P.
Carrillo, Julio	Ingram, John	Moore, Wm. H.	Smith, Jehiel
Cook, J. G.	Kennedy, J. P.	Morehouse, J. C.	Thompson, J. D.
Crowell, W. H.	Lambert, H. F.	McPeak, Matthew	West, Samuel—48.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Campbell, J. P.	Hendrix, E. W.	Lovegrove, C. D. P.	Wentworth, F. W.—4.
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WITHDRAWN:

Bamford, W.	Cash, Job	Hartman, J. W.	Nuckelds, N.
Beldin, J. W. C.	Cock, Wm. H.	McManus, J. G.	Patrick, J. F.
Carson, Lindsey	Harris, E. D.	Noell, W. H.	Sandheimer, M. E.

—12.

SUSPENDED:

McDonald, D.—1.

Union Lodge, No. 58.**Sacramento, Sacramento County.***Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each Month.***OFFICERS:**

Richard Dale, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	J. Eppinger, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
Jesse Morrill, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	Moses Goldstein, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
Harris Davis, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	A. Egl. <i>Marshal,</i>
L. Lehman, <i>Treasurer,</i>	L. D. Berwin, <i>Steward,</i>
T. Steadman, <i>Secretary,</i>	———, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters:

J. H. Ralston,	Jesse Morrill.
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MASTER MASONS:

Alexander, James	Haines, J. W.	Lewis, Lewis	McMahon, P.
Bruki, Lewis	Kalmuck, Moritz	Lobenstein, Lewis	Thiele, H. G.
Fitzpatrick, John	Koppikus, A.	Loryea, Joseph	Thompson, W. A.
Flohr, Andrew	Korn, L.	Lyons, Julius	Windrich, T.
Goodkind, M.	Lavenson, S.	Meyers, S. A.	Wormser, I.—30.

FELLOW CRAFT:

Conklin, J. M.—1.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Meserve, Thomas

Mitchell, A. H.

Ryan, C.—3.

WITHDRAWN:

Fredericks, Jos.
Galland, A.Haines, G.
Horan, ThomasJackson, J. W.
Keller, LeviKohn, Markus
Steinfurth, Henry
—8.**Gravel Range Lodge, No. 59.**

Camptonville, Yuba County.

Stated Meetings, Monday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

P. McNulty, *Wor. Master*,
H. S. Everett, *Sen. Warden*,
J. H. Williams, *Jun. Warden*,
W. Stevenson, *Treasurer*,J. P. Brown, *Secretary*,
J. M. Black, *Sen. Deacon*,
W. W. Allis, *Jun. Deacon*,
J. Bradford, *Tyler*.

Past Masters:

J. R. Vance,

William Elwell.

MASTER MASONS:

Beaman, G. H.
Bowlby, S. J.
Buckley, P. H.
Buster, H.
Davneal, E. M.
Dunn, J. A.
Ford, W. J.
Foye, W. H.
Gillespie, J. M.Gillfellan, A.
Graham, W. H.
Hicks, W. J.
Hubbs, J. C.
Kendall, A.
Morgan, L. R.
McLellan, J. G.
McMurray, V. C.O'Hara, C.
Pratt, Hartwell
Shuler, William
Slingerland, J. S.
Smith, Wm. F.
Spencer, S.
Sterritt, J. W.
Terrall, J. C.Twigg, C. A.
Variel, J. H.
Walton, G. W.
Washburn, P. L.
Webber, R. N.
Woods, W. T.
Wooster, D.
Young, N. G.—43.

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Jones, T. L.

Moody, J. W. Thompson, W. W.—3.

ENTERED APPRENTICE:

Crawford, S. G.—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Fiske, Nathan
Files, J.Keine, L. F.
Leventhal, H.Lockwood, W. G. Somerville, J.—7.
Myers, George**Plumas Lodge, No. 60.**

Quincy, Plumas County.

Stated Meetings, third Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS:

L. C. Charles, *Wor. Master*,
J. H. Whitlock, *Sen. Warden*,
John S. Vaughan, *Jun. Warden*,
P. O. Hundley, *Treasurer*,Thos. E. Haydon, *Secretary*,
John S. Ward, *Sen. Deacon*,
J. H. Houck, *Jun. Deacon*,
A. S. Titus, *Tyler*.

* **Past Masters:**
Thos. E. Haydon, S. H. Bancroft.

MASTER MASONS:

Bass, J. M.	Dillnour, George	Lawrence, J.	Shannon, Thos. B.
Bass, Richard	Doran, W. M.	Lovejoy, Jno. K.	Sharp, James
Bass, Stephen D.	Gholson, Wm. M.	McDonald, A. D.	Smyth, R. D.
Byers, J. D.	Gilkey, Wm. L.	O'Donnell, Jas.	Taylor, Joseph
Caulkins, Silas	Hargrave, A.	Rawson, Charles	Ward, John S.
Clark, N. C.	Kingsbury, Wm. C.	Rees, E. M.	Ward, T. E.
Davis, E. J.	Lacey, Thos. D.	Root, John S.	Wilmans, D. J.—38.
Dickson, John			

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Bradley, J. M.	Davis, J. H.	Platt, M.	Sterling, E. C.
Bullard, L. J.	Jacks, Richard	Sawyer, W. D.	True, T. J.—11.
Coldthwest, Isaac	McElwain, E. F.	Smith, Morris	

WITHDRAWN:

Boyd, James	Gloyd, D. J.	Kaulback, C.	Ray, James F.
Bradbury, A.	Harper, B. M.	Mumford, James	Simmons, J. W.
Burton, L. M.	Ives, L.	Patton, —	Taylor, P.—15.
Dean, W. S.	Jarrett, J. H.	Pierce, E. H.	

Live Oak Lodge, No. 61.

Oakland, Alameda County.

Stated Meetings, first Friday in each month.

OFFICERS:

S. H. Robinson, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	F. Warner, <i>Secretary,</i>
J. E. Whitcher, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	G. M. Blake, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
F. K. Shattuck, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	S. B. Bell, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
J. P. M. Davis, <i>Treasurer,</i>	P. Hays, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters:

Isaac E. Paddock,	H. A. Higley,	S. B. McKee,	M. Fallon.
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MASTER MASONS:

McDevitt, A. D.	Parker, M.	Scott, John	Yard, G. M.—16.
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FELLOW CRAFT:

Stratton, Jas. T.—1.

ENTERED APPRENTICE:

Hersherg, S.—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Evans, C. W.	Huerstell, L.	Kellersberger, J.	Lacey, D. S.—4.
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George Washington Lodge, No. 62.

Chinese, Tuolumne County.

Stated Meetings, first Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS:

S. M. Buck, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	H. S. Brooks, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
Thomas Cutler, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	Stephen Malony, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
Theo. F. Powers, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	John Taylor, <i>Marshal,</i>
C. W. H. Solinsky, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Hiram Garrett, { <i>Stewards,</i>
Henry E. Lea, <i>Secretary,</i>	Joseph T. Ivory, }

John C. Lea, *Tyler.*

Past Master :

S. M. Buck.

MASTER MASONS :

Adams, P. H.	Lewis, W. T.	Peacock, I. C.	Taggett, J. C.
Colton, William	Liscomb, B. C.	Rice, Charles	Tannehill, J.
Cooper, Charles	Love, R. K.	Shreeves, G. W.	Vedder, Daniel
Dorsey, Thos. B.	Matchin, T. N.	Sprague, Jos.	Walker, W. G.—29.
Gashwiller, J. W.	Mollyneaux, Robt.		

FELLOW CRAFTS :

Boat, J. Dorsey, John—2.

ENTERED APPRENTICES :

Beckwith, ———	Cohen, Joseph	Klasky, M.	McCulloch, ———7.
Bookshier, J. B.	Friedman, A.	Lampson, ———	

WITHDRAWN :

Adams, J. W. Graham, M. R. Smith, J. B.—3.

SUSPENDED :

Bossert, Peter A.—1.

DIED :

Raymond, William.—1.

Iowa Hill Lodge, No. 63.*Iowa Hill, Placer County.***Stated Meetings, Wednesday next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS :**

Geo. Johnston, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	J. W. Johnston, <i>Secretary,</i>
Wm. D. Lawrence, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	D. M. Ford, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
G. L. Hamlin, <i>Jun. Warden.</i>	L. M. Henry, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
Squire Powell, <i>Treasurer,</i>	James Swartwout, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters :

Geo. Johnston, H. W. Roberts, E. Alexander.

MASTER MASONS :

Arnold, O. P.	Hall, G. W.	Ladd, H. C.	Rudolph, G.
Coleman, Edward	Hatch, G. F.	Manse, F. C. R.	Scott, W. A.
Coleman, J. C.	Hillier, C. H.	Morrison, R.	Sheridan, G. M.
Collins, J. B.	Housel, W. A.	McCullough, A.	Striker, John
Edward, P. J.	Johns, T. M.	Olmstead, O. P.	Vanderlip, Ed.
Esmond, W. J.	Lackey, W. A.	O'Neil, James	Waterman, Phillip

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FELLOW CRAFTS :

Cook, R. M. King, Charles—2.

ENTERED APPRENTICES :

Grant, H.	Knuland, Jno.	Murphy, B.	Stewart, D. K.
Kidd, A. K.	Levings, A. K.	Riley, Michael	Tubbs, M. B.—8.

WITHDRAWN :

Hill, John T.	Montgomery, Thos.	Smith, S. W.	Warden, L. M.—7.
Ladd, Theodore	Parke, F. A.	Trim, R. M.	

* Charter surrendered, May, A. L. 5858.

Natoma Lodge, No. 64.**Folsom, Sacramento County.***Stated Meetings, Thursday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS :**

L. Bates, *Wor. Master*,
 W. W. Sheldon, *Sen. Warden*,
 H. N. H. Brown, *Jun. Warden*,
 D. Waldenberg, *Treasurer*.

George L. Napier, *Secretary*,
 William H. Stone, *Sen. Deacon*,
 S. G. Elliott, *Jun. Deacon*,
 Loftus Campbell, *Tyler*.

Past Masters :

M. Wallace.

Alfred Spinks,

L. Bradley.

MASTER MASONS :

Allen, Robert
 Berry, Jas. H.
 Bogar, Chas. S.
 Clark, Isaac
 Curran, Hugh

Franchere, E.
 Greenwood, E.
 Hall, Calvin
 Hatch, Moses

Holzinger, Fred.
 Kullman, L.
 Logan, Samuel
 Rickard, Rd.

Robinson, J. S. S.
 Rulison, E.
 Sawtelle, M. A.
 Swart, J. A.—28.

FELLOW CRAFTS :

Gragg, R. W.

Orr, John

Osborn, C. E.

Ott, John—4.

ENTERED APPRENTICES :

Brown, William
 Colwell, Augustus
 Cox, Geo. M.

Dennison, J. W.
 Elmer, Geo. A.

Humphries, J. H.
 Quigley, B. C.

Richards, A. H.
 Walker, William—9.

WITHDRAWN :

Corey, Geo. W.

Hardesty, Samuel

Rouse, J. W.—3.

SUSPENDED :

Campau, A. A.—1.

DIED :

Fink, Jno. A.—1.

Amador Lodge, No. 65.**Jackson, Amador County.***Stated Meetings, first Saturday in each month.***OFFICERS :**

W. W. Cope, *Wor. Master*,
 S. M. Farmer, *Sen. Warden*,
 M. J. Little, *Jun. Warden*,
 Charles Steckler, *Treasurer*,
 Oliver D. Avaline, *Secretary*.

M. Levinsky, *Sen. Deacon*,
 M. Brumel, *Jun. Deacon*,
 S. Levy, } *Stewards*,
 M. Silver, }
 William Sharp, *Tyler*.

Past Masters :

W. W. Cope,

Jas. E. Graham.

MASTER MASONS :

Arretto, Antonio
 Brown, J. R.
 Cooledge, J. B.

Cooledge, W. S.
 Freeman, G. W.
 Harris, E. B.

Heming, D.
 Hubbard, J. F.
 Husband, Bruce

Kenner, W. W.
 Levinsky, John
 Zeh, Geo. C.—23.

FELLOW CRAFT :

Bryant, Joseph—1.

ENTERED APPRENTICES.

Bummbe, Jos.	Effner, J.	Hickey, J.	Kelly, A. R.—4.
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WITHDRAWN:

Beach, David	Beenus, Benj.	Moretto, E. G.	Short, Jas.—4.
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Forest Lodge, No. 66.

Forest City, Sierra County.

Stated Meetings, Wednesday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

Geo. W. Hopkins, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	D. Van Vrankin, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
John E. Smith, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	Thos. Kirkpatrick, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
Anthony Fox, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	P. A. Mauldin, <i>Marshal,</i>
E. Livingston, <i>Treasurer,</i>	S. Hammond, <i>{ Stewards,</i>
George Perkins, <i>Secretary,</i>	J. T. Harrison, <i>{</i>
H. B. Sheldon, <i>Chaplain,</i>	H. H. Chittenden, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters:

J. B. Bope, <i>P. J. G. W.</i>	M. R. Evans,	John Kirkpatrick.
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MASTER MASONS:

Abby, Geo. H.	Garretson, J. M.	Lohman, John	Shaw, F. A.
Aldrich, Jos.	Goldsworthy, Wm.	Lohman, Peter	Shaw, G. W.
Ames, A. L.	Gwin, W.	Macay, John	Shaw, Jas. S.
Baldwin, Jno.	Harris, A. P.	Patchin, C. H.	Stewart, W. R.
Bowers, Thos. J.	Henning, J. S.	Peck, W. D.	Stillwell, G. W.
Bryden, W. M.	Houghtaling, C. J.	Pratt, W. P.	Strauss, E. D.
Cowden, Jas. A.	Johnson, M. R.	Read, James	Swift, S.
Davidson, W. H.	Jones, Charles	Read, T. A.	Van Doren, V. J.
Dunlap, R. R.	Kersey, Thomas	Said, E.	Winston, T.
Eddy, S. R.	Klocker, F. B.	Seltzer, H.	Winters, J. D.
Flemming, W. M.	Lang, Frank	Schaffer, P. C.	Young, J. C.—62.
Foote, L.	Lindeaur, A.	Scott, W.	

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Kokerno, John	Reeser, J. R.	Robertson, J. R.—3.
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ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Hall, S. A.	Jordan, G. M.	Lutz, Jacob	Quackenbush, C. L.
Johnson, A.	Kempner, I.	McLain, B. F.	—7.

WITHDRAWN:

Allebaugh, Jas.	Fleishacker, A.	Mitchell, Jno.	Theall, H. W.
Bateman, J. C.	Gavenay, Jas.	Perry, S. M.	Tyrrill, D. M.
Bonham, P.	Lyons, S. M.	Stillwell, W. R.	Wattermann, T. A.
			—12.

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Gatewood, T.	Hepperly, G. W.	Winters, T.—3.
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DIED:

Everheart, G.—1.

Minnesota Lodge, No. 67.**Minnesota, Sierra County.***Stated Meetings, Monday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS :**

Alanson Whelan, *Wor. Master*,
 J. Anderson, *Sen. Warden*,
 P. C. Dun Levy, *Jun. Warden*,
 J. Blackburn, *Treasurer*,
 L. Goodwin, *Secretary*,

W. Allen, *Sen. Deacon*,
 E. A. Meily, *Jun. Deacon*,
 J. D. Holbrook, } *Stewards*,
 E. P. Meily, }
 C. McClain, *Tyler*.

Past Masters :

P. W. Coppers,

J. S. Blackwell.

MASTER MASONS :

Conrad, J.	Ferguson, W. T.	Miller, Charles	Rapp, P.
Conway, Jas.	Fordham, H. A.	McCrane, W.	Riley, W. E.
Cooper, J. E.	Gaines, R. C.	McGeen, F.	Ruddell, G. P.
Crafts, S. S.	Hanchett, L. J.	McNulty, H.	Slinger, W.
Crowe, E.	Harkness, F. C.	Oren, J. C.	Taylor, J. M.
Davis, B.	Herriman, M. S.	Paulfsen, F.	Van Decar, E. H.
Doose, F.	Irwin, L.		—38.

ENTERED APPRENTICES :

Dawson, M.	Emerson, J. M.	Stileck, F. W.	Tague, Henry—6.
Edwards, R.	Madden, Thomas		

WITHDRAWN :

Bandy, J.	Goldsworthy, J.	Myers, C. F.	Tyree, J. A.
Burmeister, F.	Hawley, W. A.	Olmstead, S. H.	William, L.—11
Fish, C. H.	Maes, C. H.	Stileck, H.	

DIED :

Cummisky, P.—1.

Morning Star Lodge, No. 68.**Stockton, San Joaquin County.***Stated Meetings, fourth Thursday in each month.***OFFICERS :**

G. A. Shurtleff, *Wor. Master*,
 L. C. Van Allen, *Sen. Warden*,
 E. B. Bateman, *Jun. Warden*,
 A. Sperry, *Treasurer*,
 W. T. A. Gibson, *Secretary*,

Thomas R. Eddie, *Sen. Deacon*,
 John Henderson, *Jun. Deacon*,
 V. M. Peyton, *Marshal*,
 W. L. Overheiser, } *Stewards*,
 M. H. Bond, }

A. G. Brown, (of San Joaquin Lodge, No. 19,) *Tyler*.**Past Masters :**Lemuel Lyon, *P. S. G. W.*

C. B. Phelps,

C. Carpenter.

MASTER MASONS :

Baggs, W. M.	Driver, Thomas	Gillingham, H. W.	Martin, H. R.
Barry, M. G.	Eldridge, Samuel	Gray, W. H.	Osborne, T. C.
Bennett, A. H.	Fisher, O.	Hickman, E.	Peachy, G. W.
Blackwell, Wm.	Fullerton, W. McD.	Hoffman, C. H.	Stevenson, R. W.
Buffington, J. M.	Gage, A. S.	Huggins, H. T.	Underhill, H. B.
Burkett, A.	Gage, O. C.	Landrum, A. J.	Vansykle, J. M.
Cooper, C. S.	George, J.	Lynch, D. S.	Wolfe, A.—41.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Anderson, J. A. Deslanders, F. Fowler, R. Langworthy, H.—5.
Cutting, L. C.

WITHDRAWN:

Neal, W. H. Vaughn, A. Y.—2.

DIED:

Canders, W. G.—1.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 69.

Marysville, Yuba County.

Stated Meetings, first Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

M. D. Dobbins, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	D. C. Stone, <i>Secretary,</i>
E. Woodrow, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	H. G. Keefer, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
R. G. Stanwood, <i>Jun. Warden.</i>	L. E. Dingman, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
D. A. Elwell, <i>Treasurer,</i>	
F. Schreiber, (of Yuba Lodge, No. 39,) <i>Tyler.</i>	

Past Masters:

Allen, James Colton, C. T. Wickersham, W. H. Keefer, H. G.

MASTER MASONS:

Allen, Damascus	Greer, Thomas	Morse, H.	Sharkey, William
Belcher, Isaac S.	Hatch, F. L.	McCormick, T. J.	Thompson, W. P.
Brooks, Sylvester	Kenney, Samuel	McGovern, Lee	Thornburgh, W. B.
Brumagim, J. H.	Kinsey, Mixsell	O'Neal, W. T.	Rice, Emmet E.
Daley, James L.	Levy, Jacob	Payne, Sumner	Webb, John J.
Decker, Peter	Lindley, Charles	Schermier, J. M.	Wescoatt, N.—36.
Felton, C. N.	Little, S. H.		

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Haymond, C. Moore, J. W. McComas, I. T. McDaniel, Jno.—5.
Martin, H. T.

WITHDRAWN:

Compton, Jno. D. Holmes, F. S. Meek, N. D. Otis, T. P.—6
Decay, Wm. Latham, W. B. Jr.

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Foster, J. J.—1.

DIED:

Laird, Luther—1.

Enterprise Lodge, No. 70.

Yuba City, Sutter County.

Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

J. E. Stevens, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	A. B. Davies, <i>Secretary,</i>
Milton Bassett, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	G. M. Fronk, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
W. P. Wilkins, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	James Richards, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
W. H. Parks, <i>Treasurer,</i>	J. S. Ramsey, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters:

H. D. Apperson.

J. E. Stevens,

C. E. Wilcoxon.

MASTER MASONS:

Apperson, B. C.	Crawford, Israel	Jones, L. G.	Ream, J. A.
Beaty, W. H.	Cross, S. Z.	Mathews, John	Sanburn, S.
Boon, R. J.	Edwards, J. E.	Myers, G.	Say, Richard
Brown, J. A.	Fisher, Jos.	McCall, J. B.	Shore, S. D.
Brown, O. H. P.	Fronk, Jno. M.	McClure, C. C.	Taylor, L. W.
Bullock, J. P.	Gaither, J. W.	Painter, B. B.	Vaughan, C. L. N.
Burson, Elias	Goode, D. B.	Parks, R. F.	Watson, G. W.
Carlos, R. D.	Hanson, G. M.	Ramey, Isaac	Wood, Ira H.—44.
Craine, Edwin	Jeniper, M. T.		

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Fish, P. W.	Kelsey, A. R.	Nordyke, B. J.	Roland, L. J.—6.
Henry, W. A.	Lucas, J. B.		

WITHDRAWN:

Hightower, A. S.	Shore, Jas. A.—2.
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STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

Dillon, J. P.—1.

DIED:

Montgomery, Hiram—1.

Nebraska Lodge, No. 71.**Michigan Bar, Sacramento County.***Stated Meetings, second Friday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

J. W. Williamson, *Wor. Master*,
 _____, *Sen. Warden*.
 M. Perry, *Jun. Warden*,
 K. Davidson, *Treasurer*,

L. E. Doan, *Secretary*,
 F. Riley, *Sen. Deacon*,
 D. H. Whittach, *Jun. Deacon*,
 John Healey, *Tyler*.

Past Masters:

W. B. Kingsbury,

J. E. Woodford,

B. F. Wayne,

MASTER MASONS:

Boyd, John	Hoyt, E. C.	Parr, Alex.	Stoddard, W. J.
Cushing, B. F.	Kyle, S. B.	Pollard, A. A.	Van Sickle, A. K.
Dunham, John	Lemon, W. J.	Sales, L. C.	Wentworth, J. G.
Fuller, C.	Mathews, J. H.	Slayback, C. B.	Williamson, H. F.
Fitz James, James			—27.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Alvord, H.	Creek, C. Y.	Reed, Samuel	White, G. G.—5.
Bartlett, E. D.			

WITHDRAWN:

Brown, S. W.	Herrington, H.	Hunter, J.	Riggs, John—5.
Cotton, J. M.			

E. K. Kane Lodge, No. 72.**Nevada, Nevada County.***Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

T. H. Rolfe, *Wor. Master*,
 Sol. Kohlman, *Sen. Warden*,
 J. V. Watson, *Jun. Warden*,
 M. Rosenheim, *Treasurer*,
 C. C. Green, *Secretary*,
 S. M. Morrison, *Chaplain*,

A. V. Allen, *Sen. Deacon*,
 F. W. May, *Jun. Deacon*,
 A. D. Allen, *Marshal*,
 H. Bruce,
 Jno M. Shuster, } *Stewards*,
 Fred. Burmeister, *Tyler*.

Past Masters:

Chas. H. Seymour,

Charles Marsh, *P.D.G.M.*

C. C. Green.

MASTER MASONS:

Arnold, John
 Blieman, A.
 Blockman, A.
 Crandall, O.
 Crittenden, D.
 Denzer, Charles

Early, J. D.
 Gatzert, B.
 Hervey, S. S.
 Herzinger, Jno.
 Hitchcock, E.

Hunt, R. M.
 Killbury, A. M.
 Lampe, T. C.
 McGloin, P.
 Rolfe, J. J.

Searles, N.
 Smith, O. N.
 Thirwell, J.
 Watson, W. F.
 Zimmerman, J.—35.

FELLOW CRAFT:

Barton, William—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Axley, L. D.
 Benson, Geo. E.
 Davis, Ben. T.

Hendrickson, M.
 Hicks, N. A.

Josephson, C.
 Northhouse, L.

Schuller, A.
 Stroud, T.—9.

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Keating, Thos.

Peters, G. A.

Stiles, H. R.—3.

Tyro Lodge, No. 73.**Drytown, Amador County.***Stated Meetings, Thursday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

W. T. Curtis, *Wor. Master*,
 A. C. Hinkson, *Sen. Warden*,
 Ed. Gallagher, *Jun. Warden*,
 C. H. Misner, *Treasurer*,
 ———, *Secretary*,

E. A. McClure, *Sen. Deacon*,
 A. S. Richardson, *Jun. Deacon*,
 Isidore Louis, *Marshal*,
 J. H. Milton, } *Stewards*,
 M. A. Hinkson, }

J. H. King, *Tyler*.**MASTER MASONS:**

Cosmer, R.
 Eggleston, C.

Glover, M. W.
 Hinkson, A. H.

Sheridan, T.
 Smith, R.

Tupper, G. A.
 Worley, D.—18.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Blakely, R. F.
 Darnes, C. W.

Dudley, C. E.
 Fox, C. W.

Hinkson, H. P.
 Hinkson, J. M.

Lemoine, E. D.—7.

WITHDRAWN:

Bell, D. J.
 Benjamin, S. F.

Cochran, J.
 Diamond, Benj.

Gallagher, J.
 Johnson, A.

Mayers, C.
 McGready, W. E.—8

DIED:

Hinkson, J. H.—1.

Wisconsin Hill Lodge, No. 74.*Wisconsin Hill, Placer County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

W. C. Rich, *Wor. Master*,
 _____ *Sen. Warden*,
 W. W. Whipple, *Jun. Warden*,
 _____ *Treasurer*,

B. F. Marsh, *Secretary*,
 J. F. Waddail, *Sen. Deacon*,
 _____ *Jun. Deacon*,
 Thos. Hager, *Tyler*.

Past Masters:

W. C. Rich, Alex. Mills.

MASTER MASONS:

Crutcher, W. M.	Neff, J. H.	Smith, G. E.	Williams, R. L.
Herpse, A.	Patton, J. W.	Tidd, J. M.	Worley, S. J.—14.

FELLOW CRAFT:

Patton, R. R.—1.

ENTERED APPRENTICE:

Spicer, S. A.—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Allenson, A. G.	Major, H.	Ormsby, C. N.	Stoneberger, J.
Duff, A.	McCurry, B. C.	Stevens, H. H.	Tyree, J. A.
Levin, J.	McMurry, J. D.	Stewart, W. W.	Vandivier, J. F.—12.

Mountain Forest Lodge, No. 75.**Eureka North, Sierra County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

Jon. R. Ellis, *Wor. Master*,
 D. W. Mitchell, *Sen. Warden*,
 J. M. Potts, *Jun. Warden*,
 Charles Blaskower, *Treasurer*,

Wm. B. Hickok, *Secretary*,
 L. B. Frankell, *Sen. Deacon*,
 W. L. G. Miller, *Jun. Deacon*,
 James Raymond, *Tyler*.

Past Master:

J. H. Ewalt.

MASTER MASONS:

Allman, Samuel	Hughes, G. W.	Norvall, R. M.	Rogers, D. L.
Beck, H. S.	Ingram, Jasper	Olds, C. E. E.	Simmons, Samuel
Benway, Abram	Johnson, A. C.	Pardee, R. G.	Stow, Joseph
Bragg, Justus	Kelly, H. C.	Parks, Andrew	Turner, Edward
Darrow, Nicholas	Lyketer, R. G.	Piper, W. H.	Van de Walker, A.K.
Hieman, H.	Moore, S. D.	Reis, Gus.	Wetherbee, O.
Hoole, S. J.	Nichols, H. C.	Reynolds, T.	Woodward, J. E.

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FELLOW CRAFTS:

Chaffin, W. W. Newman, Peter Nichol森, Lewis—3.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Borton, J. W.	Dunkel, J. F.	Meech, Stoel	Myers, C.—5.
Chandler, G. C.			

*Charter surrendered, May, A. L. 5358.

WITHDRAWN:

Benton, H. P.	McClung, W.	Serand, Paul	Vosberg, J.
Johnson, R. R.	McClure, Wm.	Stewart, Jos.	Ware, L.—8.

SUSPENDED:

Clewes, D. A.—1.

Bear Mountain Lodge, No. 76.**Angel's, Calaveras County.***Stated Meetings, Wednesday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

Ephraim Bush, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	T. C. Rafferty, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
James Mattison, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	Charles Dickenson, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
Robert Graham, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	William Coddington, } <i>Stewards,</i>
William Reddick, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Cornelius O'Leary, }
William A. Kelly, <i>Secretary,</i>	B. Rasberry, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters:

Reynolds, H. H.	Kelly, Wm. A.	Sponsler, F. R.
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MASTER MASONS:

Abbott, S. S.	Frazier, E.	Scribner, J. C.	Westbrook, H. F.
Brooks, E. J.	Lake, C. G.	Selkirk, David	—22.
Brooks, M. B.	Mays, Wm. R.	Tryon, Geo. C.	

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Kelly, James	Stratton, T. H.	Strauss, B.—3.
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ENTERED APPRENTICE:

Stewart, John A.—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Abell, Edmund	Friedberger, A.—2.
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DIED:

Camp, E. S.—1.

Petaluma Lodge, No. 77.**Petaluma, Sonoma County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

Uriah Edwards, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	A. A. Hunnewell, <i>Secretary,</i>
F. J. Benjamin, <i>Sen. Warden.</i>	O. T. Baldwin, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
Fred. Alberding, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	John Carr, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
Wm. L. Anderson, <i>Treasurer,</i>	A. P. Overton, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters;

Thos. L. Barnes,	B. Newman,	P. W. Randle, <i>P.J.G.W.</i>	Wm. Burnett.
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MASTER MASONS :

Barnes, M. G.	Fine, J. H.	King, Samuel	Rogers, A. W.
Bassett, H.	Gill, Robert P.	Lee, Wm. G.	Samuels, James
Bowles, J. M.	Goodspeed, F.	McGuire, A.	Siddons, J. H.
Carlton, C.	Graham, F. G.	Ordway, William	Singley, Jas.
Cash, Job	Hagan, W. B.	Patrick, J. F.	Smith, S. J.
Conley, William	Hardin, J. A.	Patrick, J. M.	Swinerton, W. R.
Cox, William	Holman, J. A.	Pettus, Jas. E.	Thompson, Jef.
Cramer, D. C.	Howe, Henry	Phinney, R.	Thompson, P. R.
Cross, J. D.	Hoyle, J. B.	Powell, John	Trinque, W. D.
Dashiel, Benj.	Huie, J. T.	Rathburn, Edwin	Wagner, S. H.
Ellis, John	Hunt, Charles	Rathburn, Enkin	Walker, J. R.—57.
Farley, F. H.			

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Baxter, Chas.	Bayless, T. F.	Bond, J. L.	Rowe, F. A.—4.
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ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Codding, S. R.	Rudesill, A. C.	Vincent, Albert	White, James—5.
Latapie, E.			

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES :

Walker, L. J.—1.

DIED:

Stuart, James—1.

Calaveras Lodge, No. 78.

San Andreas, Calaveras County.

Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS :

Orpheus Smith, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	Joseph Kerns, <i>Secretary,</i>
Horace Austin, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	James Finnie, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
James Barclay, <i>Jun. Warden.</i>	R. W. Russell, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
B. J. Latz, <i>Treasurer,</i>	J. A. H. Cook, <i>Steward,</i>
	Nelson B. Jenks, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters :

G. Garrettsec.	Moses Thorpe,	N. B. Jenks.
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MASTER MASONS :

Attinelli, E. J.	Brotherton, J. W.	Morse, C. A.	Safaelo, Nicolas
Beatty, J. N.	Coldren, E. R.	Osborne, C. L.	Stone, Philip
Benjamin, J.	Cowles, Timothy	Pomphret, Richard	Wallace, E.
Blanchard, Seth	Latimer, Daniel	Purple, E. R.	Webb, M. J.—28.
Bodie, Herman			

FELLOW CRAFTS :

Gatewood, W. J.	Kelly, John	Murphy, Morris	Shawl, Geo.—5.
Haskell, J. P.			

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Cummings, J. W.	Hudgins, Philip	Snyder, Peter	Wilmer, Robert—6.
Dunning, H. W.	Norcross, N. T.		

WITHDRAWN:

Clow, J. C.	McCracken, R.	Stearns, W. H.	Williams, H.—5.
Duff, J. C.			

Humboldt Lodge, No. 79.**Eureka, Humboldt County.***Stated Meetings, first Thursday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

W. L. Ferguson, *Wor. Master*,
 R. M. Stoker, *Sen. Warden*,
 Chas. W. Long, *Jun. Warden*,
 M. Friedenstein, *Treasurer*,

H. S. Comstock, *Secretary*,
 Jacob De Haven, *Sen. Deacon*,
 James Hanna, *Jun. Deacon*,
 Alex. Gilmore, *Tyler*.

Past Masters:

S. L. Shaw,

A. J. Huestis.

MASTER MASONS:

Conklin, William
 Davis, E. L.
 Davis, Isaac

Downham, E.
 Fairchild, J. A.
 Hume, J. N.

Pine, Chas. A.
 Runpell, C. H.

Simonton, R. G.
 Whipple, S. G.—20.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Cram, A.
 Langdon, J. P.

Martin, W. C.

Pickard, Daniel

Sevier, A. D.—5.

WITHDRAWN:

Carson, William

Upton, J. J.—2.

DIED:

Molony Jas. R.—1.

Ione Lodge, No. 80.**Ione, Amador County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

John A. Eagon, *Wor. Master*,
 John E. Hunt, *Sen. Warden*,
 John W. Surface, *Jun. Warden*,
 J. B. Gregory, *Treasurer*,
 H. H. Rhees, *Secretary*,

Allen Marsh, *Sen. Deacon*,
 R. F. Stevens, *Jun. Deacon*,
 J. Farnsworth, }
 William Hermes, } *Stewards*,
 Jas. Livermore, *Tyler*.

Past Masters:

A. E. Callaway,

John C. Gear.

MASTER MASONS:

Beck, J. J.
 Black, C. S.
 Duryea, W. H.
 Hayley, L.

Hopkins, B.
 Kibbee, A. D.
 Leneger, Christian
 Lyon, L. G.

Newman, D.
 Poe, John T.
 Turner, J. F.

Simpson, H.
 Smith, W. J.
 Withington, R. H.
 —26.

FELLOW CRAFT:

Aiken, J. B.—1.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Carter, H. A.
 Davenport, M. G.

Flint, Benjamin

Sutherland, Jno.

Van Ness, W. H.

—5.

WITHDRAWN:

Benedicks, A.

Dunbar, H.—2.

Yolo Lodge, No. 81.

Yolo, Yolo County.

Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

N. Wyckoff, *Wor. Master*,
J. D. Stephens, *Sen. Warden*,
Charles Traver, *Jun. Warden*,
W. M. Borden, *Treasurer*,

E. Giddings, *Secretary*,
T. C. Pochman, *Sen. Deacon*,
B. F. Tebbs, *Jun. Deacon*,
A. Burton, *Tyler*.

MASTER MASONS:

Arnold, W. B.
Boone, J. T.
Brown, G. F.
Davis, C. D.

Derrick, J. C.
Diggs, D. P.
Gottwals, C.

Grey, F. G.
Hambright, B.
Lipscomb, R. S.

Riggs, H. C.
Snodgrass, Geo.
Tebbs, Q. C.—21.

FELLOW CRAFT:

Freeman, F. S.—1.

ENTERED APPRENTICE:

Moses, A.—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Anderson, W. F.

Forman, J. L.

Schindler, David—3.

Mountain Lodge, No. 82.

Don Pedro's Bar, Tuolumne County.

Stated Meetings, third Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS:

C. Gilman, *Wor. Master*,
Wm. Carrick, *Sen. Warden*,
N. Bond, *Jun. Warden*,
Z. P. Cole, *Treasurer*,

T. J. Severns, *Secretary*,
S. H. Stevens, *Sen. Deacon*,
John H. Yates, *Jun. Deacon*,
Casper Sharp, *Tyler*.

Past Masters:

Z. P. Cole,

C. Gilman.

MASTER MASONS:

Cook, J. H.
Cope, F. S.
Cope, J. F.
Holmes, Thos.
Morgan, A.

Muir, W. G.
Nelson, Uriah
O'Neal, Patrick
Parsons, Otis
Piley, H.

Pirtle, W. J.
Rolf, Nelson
Sherwood, John
Starr, C. A.

Stevens, R. B.
Stripling, Elijah
Williams, W. C.
Wilson, P. F.—26.

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Davis, D. E.

Hulse, A. W.

Valentine, Wm.—3.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Bates, N. G.

Ferne, Morris

Squiers, S. S.

Stevens, C. A.—4.

WITHDRAWN:

Block, E. M.—1.

Rising Star Lodge, No. 83.**Todd's Valley, Placer County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS :**

J. W. Harville, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	Wm. G. Graham, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
Martin Hoover, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	David P. Marshall, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
John M. Miner, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	Henry E. Newman, <i>Marshal,</i>
S. S. Willard, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Albert Knapp, <i>Stewards,</i>
Wm. Rufus Longley, <i>Secretary,</i>	Robt. O. Cravens, <i>Stewards,</i>
—————, <i>Tyler.</i>	

Past Masters :

Artemus Baker,	J. W. Harville.
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MASTER MASONS :

Baker, D. J.	Foskett, E. D. C.	Kimball, Marcus	Robinson, B. M.
Burrows, G. W.	Goff, A. W.	Kirbe, J. F.	Sanborn, J. L.
Butts, George	Gooding, Henry	Longley, Jas. H.	Thayer, F. M.
Cobb, Anselm H.	Gunsell, J. H.	Martin, Geo. M.	Todd, L. M.
Cora, R.	Hatch, John	Myrick, J. W.	Warsburg, Lewis
Crompton, H. J.	Henson, W. T.	McClure, Wm.	White, Walter R.
Decker, G. W.	Herrick, Jas.	McGinnis, Wm. T.	Wilkerson, Achilles
Duck, William	Hill, A. J.	Powell, Peyton	Williams, Richard
Follansbee, J. S.	Hosmer, T. N.	Read, A. G.	Young, H. M.—47.

FELLOW CRAFTS :

Brown, R. H.	Ferrill, Jonathan—2.
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ENTERED APPRENTICES :

Blood, Amos F.	Comer, John	Krause, Ferman—3.
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WITHDRAWN :

Calcord, M. S.	Frye, J. H. P.	Stephens, W. S.	Waldron, Elias
Cooper, Gilbert	Settle, H. C.	Waddell, Thos.	Wilson, J. L.—8.

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES :

Hackett, J. M.	Hoskins, Avery—2.
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DIED :

Brohard, J. D. (E. A.)	Hoagland, Jas. T.—2.
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Vesper Lodge, No. 84.**Red Bluffs, Tehama County.***Stated Meetings, Thursday next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS :**

W. R. Harrison, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	A. H. Stout, <i>Secretary,</i>
T. J. Butler, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	—————, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
W. L. Bradley, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	—————, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
George Sherman, <i>Treasurer,</i>	—————, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters :

J. G. Doll,	Dennis Dunn.
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MASTER MASONS:

Bradley, J. C.	Earl, J.	Gellan, L. S.	Myrick, M. H.
Broadwater, W. S.	Edmonds, F.	Hoag, G. W.	Roll, Wm. A.
Brownstine, Geo.	Fisher, C. E.	Ide, J. M.	Veatch, J. A.
Bull, Alpheus	Galland, J. B.	Jackson, E.	Webb, A. H.
Carter, S. M.	Gay, N. B.	Meador, M.	Whitehurst, J. C.
Dye, J. M.			—28.

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Craig, Alex.	Riser, Ellis	Roberts, J. L.—3.
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ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Copeland, H. C.	Hall, N.	Hammers, G. W.—3.
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Indian Diggings Lodge, No. 85.**Indian Diggings, El Dorado County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

J. B. Carter, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	James Rippy, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
W. L. Clark, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	R. R. Claiborne, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
John Gates, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	A. Brault, } <i>Stewards,</i>
Geo. Daywalt, <i>Treasurer,</i>	M. Phelps, }
Isaac S. Locke, <i>Secretary,</i>	F. D. Mercuire, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Master:

J. B. Carter.

MASTER MASONS:

Basler, George	Collins, J. S.	Eglestone, H. W.	McDonald, George
Chandler, Jos.	Dake, L. W.	Grubbs, J. D.	White, O. P. H.
Collins, J. D.	Dumble, E. H.	Hall, H.	Williams, T. Y.—22

FELLOW CRAFT:

Gillispie, B.—1.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Clayton, W. S.	Loveless, S. P.	Malone, Geo.	McManus, John—5.
Langedoc, Wm.			

WITHDRAWN:

Blockman, A.	Gibson, P.	Holliday, Wm.	Reynolds, J.
Bogardus, E.	Grubbs, Wm.	Morgan, W.	Thompson, J. D. P.
Colenburg, H.			—9.

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Harrison, J. W.—1.

St. Louis Lodge, No. 86.**St. Louis, Sierra County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

J. M. Tingley, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	Daniel Giraud, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
Henry Kerr, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	H. G. O. Drake, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
A. J. Howe, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	P. J. White, <i>Marshal,</i>
Jacob Small, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Thomas Gordon, } <i>Stewards,</i>
Alemby Jump, <i>Secretary,</i>	J. W. Jenkins, }
	S. L. Stone, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters:

James St. C. Wilson,

Joel Eveland.

MASTER MASONS:

Beal, C. C.	Downer, J. W.	Hendle, Chas. W.	Parvin, W. L.
Bump, Peter	Edson, N. B.	Holcomb, W. A.	Schott, Conrad
Butler, C. D.	Eve, George	Ihmer, John	Thomas, J. L.
Cohn, Hieman	Fraser, Charles	Miller, J. P.	Wallace, Silas
Corbett, John	Griswell, Amos	McRodin, David	Wimer, Lewis
Cox, Geo. W.	Harris, A. J.	Ong, J. W.	Withrow, W. W.

—37.

FELLOW CRAFT:

Page, Benjamin—1.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Creely, James	Roos, Nicholas	Smith, J. P.	Spoor, David—6.
Duhell, L. G.	Rutledge, Michael		

WITHDRAWN:

Anderson, John	Foster, H. E.	Hill, R. D.	Marsh, Allen
Brown, Richard	Harwood, John	Hollingsworth, M.	Morrison, T. F.
Clarke, Orus	Helm, Alfred	Knouth, Fred.	Watkins, Theo.—15.
Cox, M. T.	Hill, N. S.	Libbie, W. R.	

DIED:

Palmer, Burton—1.

Naval Lodge, No. 87.

Vallejo, Solano County.

*Stated Meetings, third Thursday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Isaac Hobbs, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	Alexander Guffy, <i>Secretary,</i>
Nathan Flanders, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	Charles S. Hussey, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
Cornelius Martin, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	W. D. Jones, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
John A. Clampitt, <i>Treasurer,</i>	John Lee, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters:

John R. Bird,

Abraham Powell, Jr.

MASTER MASONS:

Anthony, C. V.	Brown, J. W.	Hogland, W. C.	Mathews, Felix
Aspenall, Wm.	Brownlee, Thos.	Hook, Henry	Moden, E. G.
Bean, L. W.	Brownlee, Robert	Kelly, Dennis	Oliver, C. H.
Benas, Benj.	Cheney, W. B.	Logan, James	Vaughn, H. S.
Bolis, Jno. L.	Hodgkin, J. E.	Mann, James	Williams, Oron—30.

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Davis, Simon

Kennedy, Peter—2.

ENTERED APPRENTICES.

Elliott, M. C.	Hall, O. A.	Milks, E.	Richardson, M. H.
Frisbie, E.			—5.

WITHDRAWN:

Macauley, J. B.

Meagher, Dennis

McLaughlin, P.—3.

Quitman Lodge, No. 88.**Orleans Flat, Nevada County.***Stated Meetings, third Saturday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

R. B. Moyes, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	S. O. Pease, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
S. B. Blakesley, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	John Gray, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
J. P. Brinton, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	Thos. W. Triplett, <i>Marshal,</i>
P. B. Oppenheim, <i>Treasurer,</i>	John Noyes, {
L. A. Sackett, <i>Secretary,</i>	Samuel Arnold, { <i>Stewards,</i>
	W. R. Morrow, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters:

Andrew Hanna,	B. S. Olds, <i>P. J. G. W.</i>
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MASTER MASONS:

Aiken, Samuel	Dill, E.	Lambeth, S. A.	Rooney, J. M.
Ames, E. L.	Greenman, H.	Lawrence, C. A.	Rose, B. F.
Arnold, Geo.	Hickman, S. B.	Mason, Caleb	Sichel, A.
Barnes, W. C.	Hopkins, W. H.	Mead, Stephen	Singleton, M. A.
Bishop, S. W.	Jones, C. B.	Montenal, F. S.	Snapp, R. L.
Caldwell, John	Julian, Humphrey	Nugent, A. S.	Tyler, Samuel
Copp, Henry	Kingman, H. J.	Pickel, W. C.	Wood, Wm. C.—44.
Davis, Elijah	Kinney, H. L.	Reed, Jno. D.	

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Hunter, John M.	Remington, M. L.—2.
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ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Blackwell, S. L.	Boody, Daniel	Cowger, Jno.	Hotchkiss, H. B.—4.
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WITHDRAWN:

Barry, J. K.	Eaker, Jacob	Lang, Frank	Reem, Jeremiah
Belknap, W. D.	Gregg, J. M.	Mead, William	Scott, W. A.
Cazaux, H. B.	Harris, E.	McNabb, Geo. C.	Smith, J. L. P.—13.
Doyle, W.			

DIED:

Butterfield, R. W.	McLain, J. M.—2.
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Rose's Bar Lodge, No. 89.**Empire Ranch, Yuba County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

A. L. Morrison, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	S. J. S. Rogers, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
R. Dillon, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	J. F. McNutt, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
J. A. Cramer, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	J. Henry, {
W. M. Pearl, <i>Treasurer,</i>	C. Lintott, { <i>Stewards,</i>
Henry Hogarth, <i>Secretary,</i>	M. Bradley, <i>Tyler.</i>

MASTER MASONS:

Carpenter, L. C.	England, C.	Kellogg, H. B.	Parks, J.
Clark, L. B.	Greenwold, F.	Langridge, G.	Pierce, J. P.
Coleman, M.	Gregory, Wm.	Merrill, W. P.	Sheldon, R. W.
Congdon, G. N.	Hyde, A. O.	Meyers, C. W.	Wilbur, J.—28.
Dykeman, H.	Jamieson, G.		

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Byerly, Jos.

Holliday, S.—2.

WITHDRAWN :

Boyce, S. G.	Lawton, N. O.	McCrackin, J. M.	Sawin, B. M.—7.
Courtright, W. H.	Long, Wm. M.	Potter, J. G.	

Polar Star Lodge, No. 90.*Onion Valley, Plumas County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS :**

Arthur E. Waits, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	D. W. C. Baird, <i>Secretary,</i>
James Corcoran, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	A. A. Cummings, <i>Sen. Deacon.</i>
Almus Stebbins, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	J. J. L. Peel, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
Robert Gunton, <i>Treasurer,</i>	H. C. Hampson, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Master :

D. W. C. Baird.

MASTER MASONS :

Emmons, T. F. Kelly, R. C. Tomlinson. A. A.—11.

FELLOW CRAFT :

Reynolds, John—1.

ENTERED APPRENTICES :

Huse, James McCabe, J. P. Tally, W. W.—3.

WITHDRAWN :

Adams, G. W.	Hudson, J. F.	Lester, Thos. G.	McAllister, T. W.
Hodgkins, C.	Long, D. P.		—6.

North Star Lodge, No. 91.**Hooperville, Siskiyou County.***Stated Meetings, second Saturday in each month.***OFFICERS :**

Francis E. Ensign, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	A. M. C. Smith, <i>Secretary,</i>
A. P. McCarton, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	William Brice, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
A. A. Beam, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	Joseph Barker, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
L. B. Gregory, <i>Treasurer,</i>	A. L. Johnson, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Master :

A. M. C. Smith.

MASTER MASONS :

Baker, M. M.	Guyther, W. A.	Nunn, J. H.	Shores, William
Brewster, Joseph	Heard, G. W.	Quivey, Leander	Stone, S. E.
Coe, Geo. H.	Judah, H. M.	Randall, Joshua	Thornbury, C. N.
Doud, David	Keowan, B. W.	Rice, S. S.	Turnbow, R. R.
Ellsworth, O. F.	Killion, Bernard	Rigg, E. G.	Van Horn, Wm.
Frazer, Samuel	Mason, B. S.	Shaw, D. H.	Wright, Wm.—32.

* Charter surrendered, May, A. L. 5858.

FELLOW CRAFTS :

Berry, F. M.

Brown, F. G.

Steel, Thomas H.—3.

ENTERED APPRENTICES :

Cunningham, Jas.

Hooper, F. M.

Leeper, W. J.

Patterson, J. H.

Gartrell, Caleb

Huff, J. F.

McLane, S. M.

Pennington, B. C.

Hendricks, W. H.

Ingraham, Peter

Palmer, N. N.

Smith, Louis—12.

WITHDRAWN :

Adams, A. W.

Cutter, Amos, Jr.

Logan, J. C.

Logan, J. J.—6.

Cowden, J. S.

Kitts, D. B.

Acacia Lodge, No. 92.

Coloma, El Dorado County.

*Stated Meetings, Thursday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS :**A. W. Cullum, *Wor. Master.*J. S. Chapman, *Sen. Warden.*Robert Chalmers, *Jun. Warden.*Robert Bell, *Treasurer.*David F. McDonald, *Secretary.*S. L. Weymouth, *Sen. Deacon.*Andrew Nelson, *Jun. Deacon.*A. A. Van Guelder, *Marshal.*

E. Camp,

A. Schmoltz, } *Stewards.*S. J. Ford, *Tyler.***Past Master :**

Thomas M. Reed.

MASTER MASONS :

Camp, O.

Hedrick, J.

Long, A.

Robertson, Thos.

Carson, E. B.

Herrick, H. S.

Mahler, H.

Smith, D. S.

Clees, J. W.

Johnson, James

Moore, James

Welch, James

Farley, Manning

Johnson, Nathan

Morris, J.

Williams, T. H.

Gilbert, G. H.

Jones, Wm. A.

McKinney, D. C.

Wren, Thomas—35.

Heerdink, John

Levy, M.

O'Brien, Walter

FELLOW CRAFTS :

* McDonald, R.

McDougald, J. A.—2.

ENTERED APPRENTICES :

Kline, Lazarus

Merrill, D. S.

Wiley, J.

* Wiley, J. P.—6.

Merrill, A. W.

Stein, John

WITHDRAWN :

Borowsky, M.

Noteware, C. N.

Rackliffe, C. J.

Thulin, N. L.—5.

Grace, Newell

Caymus Lodge, No. 93.

Yountville, Napa County.

*Stated Meetings, last Saturday in each month.***OFFICERS :**Edward L. Levéy, *Wor. Master.*George C. Yount, *Sen. Warden.*William Baldrige, *Jun. Warden.*John Grigsby, *Treasurer.*Joseph Mecklenberg, *Secretary.*James M. Wright, *Chaplain.*James Allfrey, *Sen. Deacon.*Achilles F. Grigsby, *Jun. Deacon.*Wm. H. Holliday, *Marshal.*

Joseph Evey,

Wm. M. Hargrave, } *Stewards.*A. C. Dimmick, *Tyler.*

* Permission given to receive degrees elsewhere.

Past Master :

Edward Evey.

Honorary Member :

E. L. Sullivan.

MASTER MASONS :

Chopson, Thos. Deering, J. W. Hazleton, P. R. Johnson, D. M.—17.

FELLOW CRAFTS :

Still, Henry Taylor, W. E.—2.

ENTERED APPRENTICES :

Clayton, W. A. Matthews, W. R.—2.

Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 94.**Elizabethtown, Plumas County.***Stated Meetings, fourth Saturday in each month.***OFFICERS :**

Isaac M. Walter, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	Richard Hart, <i>Secretary,</i>
D. J. Gloyd, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	T. D. Ritchie, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
D. Titherington, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	Thomas Stark, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
C. T. Kaulback, <i>Treasurer,</i>	H. T. Elliott, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters :

E. P. Grubbs, W. M. Milburn, A. S. Paul.

MASTER MASONS :

Appel, J. G.	Dickson, S. J.	Moore, G. W.	Petty, William
Baertch, Chr.	Hall, E. A.	McDonald, A. M.	Robinson, F. D.
Boyd, A.	Hardsuck, M. E.	Norriss, T. A. B.	Smith, P.
Coburn, B.	Hogan, E. T.	Peters, N. J.	Webb, John—30.
Cook, G.	Mather, S. H.	Perry, Richard	

FELLOW CRAFTS :

Hearsey, F. B. McGill, Robt. McKinley, O. P. Winans, John—5.

Hunton, J. C.

ENTERED APPRENTICES :

Choate, Charles Frink, William Larrison, J. H. Taylor, H.—7.

Colt, John Johns, B. F. Phelps, John

WITHDRAWN :

Chamberlain, P. Green, J. H. Howard, John Orr, J. H.—6.

Coss, Benj. Harrison, H. H.

Henry Clay Lodge, No. 95.**Sutter Creek, Amador County.***Stated Meetings, Wednesday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS :**

A Hayward, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	G. R. Walker, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
N. A. Green, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	O. Hockins, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
W. A. Loring, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	James Gluyas, } <i>Stewards,</i>
P. Cook, <i>Treasurer,</i>	T. M. Harris, }
James Murray, <i>Secretary,</i>	R. Baker, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters:

O. P. Southwell,

G. R. Walker.

MASTER MASONS:

Burke, T. J.	Kussard, P.	Porter, W. S.	Tibbits, F.
Davis, J.	Manon, S. S.	Randall, P. M.	Tibbits, James
Elkins, John	Pendleton, B. F.	Sargent, W. B.	Wildman, W. T.
Fidler, D.	Pickard, James	Sullinzer, James	Wood, H.—27.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Burleson, C. D.	Gill, J.	Keyes, J.	Kimball, J. A.—5.
Comstock, A.			

WITHDRAWN:

Crandall, D.	Gliddon, C. R.	Rose, A. H.—3.
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STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Morrow, S.—1.

Howard Lodge, No. 96.**Yreka, Siskiyou County.***Stated Meetings, second Monday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Edgar W. Potter, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	C. C. Beekman, <i>Sen. Deacon.</i>
John Loag, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	E. S. Crockett, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
C. W. Lewis, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	A. V. Burns, <i>Marshal,</i>
Joel B. Oldham, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Jas. A. Hill, }
John Reid, <i>Secretary,</i>	William Courtney, }
J. Green, (of St. John's Lodge, No. 37,) <i>Tyler.</i>	

Past Masters:

W. S. R. Taylor,

Edgar W. Potter.

Honorary Member.

W. H. Howard.

MASTER MASONS:

Ashby, Thompson	Brown, J. W.	Mayfield, W. I.	Scott, X. E.
Autenreith, Lewis	Carrick, E.	Mead, G. M. W.	Slade, W. D.
Barry, Jas. W.	Collins, C. F.	Norton, W. T.	Smith, J. P.
Bisbee, William	Davis, John	Paul, W. J.	Suelling, J. S.
Brooks, H.	Fox, Wiley J.	Riker, H. H.	Thomas, H.
Brooks, S. S.	Greenwald, Julius	Sagemüller, J. D.	Waterhouse, G. B.
Brown, A. H.	Lytle, Jas. A.		—37.

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Durand, Geo.

Searcy, James—2.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Berry, Jehu	Shepherd, J. B.	Snelling, R. B.	Stilts, Geo. W.—4.
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WITHDRAWN:

Dearing, Thomas	Furber, Geo. C.	North, Samuel—3.
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Jefferson Lodge, No. 97.

La Porte, Sierra County.

Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS :

E. Lane, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	M. Cook, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
J. P. Fuller, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	N. Payne, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
J. A. Johnson, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	A. N. Smith, <i>Marshal,</i>
J. Conly, <i>Treasurer,</i>	G. W. Riggins, } <i>Stewards.</i>
A. H. Crew, <i>Secretary,</i>	E. Absher. }
J. A. Morse, <i>Tyler.</i>	

Past Master :

E. Lane.

MASTER MASONS :

Baker, T.	Ephram, M. B.	Kime, L. F.	Sim, W.
Barnhart, J. A.	Gardner, W.	Mamlock, S.	Vangundy, J.
Bracy, W.	Haydon, J. S.	Myers, W. F.	Wadley, G. L.
Brown, H.	Hill, N. S.	Pinch, J.	White, T.
Brown, J.	Howard, F.	Porter, J. R.	Wilks, I.
Buell, E. W.	Hudson, J.	Price, J. B.	Wilson, R. C.
Carrington, J. B.	Johnson, A. C.	Reeser, J. R.	Zimmerman, P.—41.
Davis, W. S.	Kilbourne, W. V.		

FELLOW CRAFTS :

Arnold, C. Burrus, S.—2.

ENTERED APPRENTICES :

Francis, W. Marty, W. McMann, J. F. Wood, T. M.—4.

WITHDRAWN :

Hannon, M. W. Kitts, J. Lester, E. Smith, F. W.
Harris, J. J. Larrison, S. Loeb, B. Winfrey, J. B.—9.
Head, W. Y.

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES :

Miller, L. D.—1.

Quartzburg Lodge, No. 98.

Hornitas, Mariposa County.

Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS :

D. C. McCrosky, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	A. McElroy, <i>Sen. Deacon.</i>
N. A. Bailey, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	D. S. Kirkpatrick, <i>Jun. Deacon.</i>
Samuel W. Carr, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	J. Elias. }
Wm. H. Tonge, <i>Treasurer,</i>	J. Y. Jones. } <i>Stewards.</i>
P. B. Smallwood, <i>Secretary,</i>	G. H. Barnes, <i>Tyler.</i>

MASTER MASONS :

Block, Daniel	Gilmore, G. B.	McNeill, A.	Ross, B. F.
Clark, Jno. F.	Goss, W. G.	Pool, D. M.	Thornton, T. G.
Doeg, James	Jackson, W. W.	Predham, Fred.	Wood, J. H.—22.

FELLOW CRAFT :

Bludworth, Charles—1.

ENTERED APPRENTICE:

Means, W. L.—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Barefield, W. J. Landrum, A. J. Tichenal, W. H. Wood, W. P.—6.
King, D. C. Snow, Chas.

DIED:

Curtis, Geo. W.—1.

La Grange Lodge, No. 99.**La Grange, Stanislaus County.***Stated Meetings, second Saturday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

W. M. Stafford, *Wor. Master*, Robert McGarvey, *Secretary*,
P. B. Nagle, *Sen. Warden*, W. W. Bowen, *Sen. Deacon*,
John Myers, *Jun. Warden*, Wm. B. Thurman, *Jun. Deacon*,
C. M. Wells, *Treasurer*, S. J. Simons, *Tyler*.

Past Masters:

A. Elkins, S. N. Hoyt, W. M. Stafford.

MASTER MASONS:

Aldrich, Henry	Dickenson, J. D.	Kirk, W. D.	Raynal, Justin
Barfield, J. W.	Dubois, Samuel	Laird, Jno. W.	Scaniker, S. P.
Cleveland, S.	Hawthorne, S. S.	Letroadec, Pierre	Thabard, Pierre
Currel, Spencer	Hockett, Jno. B.	Murphy, T. G.	Thomas, G. W.
Damien, Pierre	Howell, B. F.	Payne, Thos.	Ward, J. N.—32.
Delaney, Pat.	Kennon, T. M.		

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Allen, O. H.	Duke, Burrell	Peacock, William	Summers, John—7.
Atkinson, John	Granorini, Thos.	Pornier, A.	

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Bach, F.	Ewing, Simon	Labbe, Julius	Rigsbey, James
Branch, Geo. W.	Freye, M. L.	Moore, Benj. H.	Starr, W. C.
Crason, E. T.	King, Geo. W.	Rector, E. G.	Young, William—13.
Eggleston, Erastus			

WITHDRAWN:

Davis, L. S. Johnson, N. B. Torney, Seth—3.

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Calbreath, J. C. Harris, A. Lurette, X. G. de la—3.

Campo Seco Lodge, No. 100.**Campo Seco, Calaveras County.***Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

John M. Keith, <i>Wor. Master</i> .	Adolph Adler, <i>Secretary</i> ,
L. M. Drake, <i>Sen. Warden</i> ,	F. M. Shoemaker, <i>Sen. Deacon</i> ,
M. Einstein, <i>Jun. Warden</i> ,	E. M. Brown, <i>Jun. Deacon</i> ,
A. L. Wangenheim, <i>Treasurer</i> .	J. Einstein, <i>Tyler</i> .

Past Master :

J. M. Havens.

MASTER MASONS :

Anderson, A. R.	Funk, J.	Miller, James	Walter, F.
Andrews, J. V. B.	Gardner, J. H.	Palmer, J. W. D.	Wangenheim, S.
Atlee, Wm. A.	Howard, Jas.	Paul, R. H.	Weir, J. B.
Combs, L. S.	Kettleman, David	Rosenberg, L.	Wiley, J. R.
Drake, A. T.	Maxson, G. D.	Thompkins, C. G.	Wooley, W.—30.
Fitzsimmons, Jno.			

FELLOW CRAFT :

Smithling, Louis—1.

WITHDRAWN :

Gude, F. W.	Monroe, J. C.	Nathan, Daniel	Wheeler, R. F.—4.
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Clay Lodge, No. 101.**Dutch Flat, Placer County.***Stated Meetings, second Saturday in each month.***OFFICERS :**

E. Hogan, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	S. B. Harriman, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
G. P. Beal, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	C. M. Kopp, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
L. D. Kopp, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	A. Friedman, <i>{ Stewards,</i>
E. L. Bradley, <i>Treasurer,</i>	J. C. Lilly, <i>{</i>
D. F. Hathaway, <i>Secretary,</i>	Wm. F. Grubb, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters :

E. Hogan,	John H. Montgomery.
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MASTER MASONS :

Beal, J. A.	Fritch, J. M.	Heyman, S.	Trim, R. M.
Begole, W. A.	Gardner, M. S.	Jachieus, B.	Webber, M. N.
Curran, V.	Gill, Isaac	Moulter, J.	Williams, J.
Fair, S.	Hartsburg, H.	Scott, W.	Wright, H.—28.
Francis, R.			

FELLOW CRAFTS :

Bloom, J. S.	Starr, H.	Williams, E.—3.
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ENTERED APPRENTICES :

Barnes, F.	Hampton, W.	Seffens, Chas.	Thomas, J. M.—5.
Grey, J. S.			

WITHDRAWN :

Baker, J. F.—1.

DIED :

Brown, M. H.—1.

Manzanita Lodge, No. 102.**North San Juan, Nevada County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS :**

William H. Sears, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	John F. Pinkham, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
Charles E. Olney, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	Joseph Kenville, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
Francis A. Wilder, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	Alexander Fraser, <i>{ Stewards,</i>
James H. Moore, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Joseph Cook, <i>{</i>
Achilles Eastin, <i>Secretary,</i>	Peter Zacharias, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Master :

William H. Sears.

MASTER MASONS :

Adsit, L. B.	Dickson, J. M.	Iserman, N. B.	Shuler, Antonius
Archbald, J. R.	Effinger, J. H.	Johnson, A. J.	Smith, Francis
Avery, B. P.	Evans, Alvaro	Macklin, Henry	Sperling, Aug.
Baldwin, Smith	Evans, Orlando	Mobly, F. F.	Stafford, Josh.
Black, Houston	Freeman, Thomas	McKeeby, L. C.	Westerfield, J.
Clark, Jos. F.	Guthrie, J. W.	Peterson, J. H.	Winham, M. A.
Cummings, D. P.	Hillard, S. R.	Readshaw, W. J.	Winham, W. P. L.
Curtis, Samuel	Holmes, J. P.	Seely, Jno. A.	—41.

ENTERED APPRENTICES :

Armsbary, Calvin	Coley, W. C.	Fisher, Geo. P.—3.
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WITHDRAWN :

Bass, Lawrence	Coker, James	Hatfield, Wm.	McCoy, Jas. P.—6.
Clark, Jas. P.	Collins, Henry		

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES :

Caswell, S. B.—1.

Oroville Lodge, No. 103.**Oroville, Butte County.***Stated Meetings, last Saturday in each month.***OFFICERS :**

David A. Brown, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	Arthur McDermot, <i>Secretary,</i>
Geo. W. Elliott, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	Daniel Jewett, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
Robert Williams, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	D. G. O'Donnell, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
Philip Waterman, <i>Treasurer,</i>	R. C. Gridley, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters :

D. A. Brown,	J. J. Kleine,	A. G. Brown,	S. Rosenbaum.
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MASTER MASONS :

Backer, J. C.	Elliott, J. T.	Hoskins, A.	Silvis, J. B.
Baright, G. P.	Emmerson, J. E.	Johnson, D.	Sims, J. S.
Bissett, Thos.	Fairchild, O. L.	Miller, J. W.	Smith, D. W.
Bowman, J. S.	Faulkner, Thos.	McKenzie, Geo.	Smith, W. C.
Climper, J. C.	Fer, L. W.	Pond, E. B.	Srooinger, Geo.
Collins, P.	Greene, J. C.	Reis, A. D.	Tymeson, A. M.
De Cosmos, A.	Grosvenor, D. W.	Rosenthal, J.	Vance, J. W.—42.
Edmunds, Wm.	Gunson, Robert	Rothrock, Geo.	

FELLOW CRAFTS :

Brooks, D. W.	Davis, R.	Reed, R. C.	Renker, C.—5.
Carroll, N.			

ENTERED APPRENTICES :

Bourne, George	Coleman, J. B.	Hornbrook, S.	Sparks, E. M.—7.
Cleveland, M. V.	Hoffman, P.	Jones, J. Y.	

WITHDRAWN :

Faulkner, G. W.	Mann, A. F.	Mitchell, John	Piatt, J. A.
Jones, John	Martin, S.	Peck, W. D.	Toor, George—9.
Keating, J. D.			

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES :

Chapman, J. C.

Farley, M. H.—2.

Lexington Lodge, No. 104.**Lexington, Los Angeles County.***Stated Meetings, third Saturday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Thomas A. Mayes, *Wor. Master*,
 N. Beardslee, *Sen. Warden*,
 M. A. Tyler, *Jun. Warden*,
 Edward B. Tyler, *Treasurer*,

Jas. H. Maddux, *Secretary*,
 Silas Bennett, *Sen. Deacon*,
 W. W. Maxey, *Jun. Deacon*,
 Jas. R. Youree, *Tyler*.

Past Masters:

Silas Bennett,

B. F. Coopwood.

MASTER MASONS:

Barton, Benj.	Fryer, R. C.	Lowe, J. H.	Stockton, W. M.
Bettis, Elijah	Gentry, Frank	Norboe, John	Swigert, T. C.
Coopwood, Bethel	Johnson, J. G.	Reed, John	Weir, John
Ellis, T. O.	Kyle, P.	Rubottom, W. W.	Winfrey, R. H.—25.

FELLOW CRAFT:

Dunlap, John—1.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Brite, Jno. M.

Whips, S. P.—2.

WITHDRAWN:

Hunter, E.

Norris, Benj. Robinson, G. N. G.—3.

DIED:

Rubottom, E. H.—1.

Siskiyou Lodge, No. 105.**Henley, Siskiyou County.***Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Daniel Grosse, *Wor. Master*,
 L. M. Hazlitt, *Sen. Warden*,
 Jno. S. Dudley, *Jun. Warden*,
 A. Haserick, *Treasurer*,

Jno. M. Runkle, *Secretary*,
 S. S. Williams, *Sen. Deacon*,
 William Lee, *Jun. Deacon*,
 ————, *Tyler*.

Past Master:

Daniel Grosse.

MASTER MASONS:

Bostwick, Eph.	Hernon, A. M.	Ottenheimer, Wm.	Richardson, Jno.
Hazlitt, J. H.	Highlander, Ph.	Rhodes, O. M.	Ross, Ephraim—15.

FELLOW CRAFT:

Bowman, B.—1.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Hess, E.

Jose, W. P.

Shattuck, S.

Stiles, A.—4.

WITHDRAWN:

Aikman, W.

Blanchard, Wm.

Ditzler, Jacob

Rosinbum, A. J.—4.

Arcata Lodge, No. 106.**Union, Humboldt County.***Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

B. H. Wyman, *Wor. Master.*
 J. C. Bull, *Sen. Warden.*
 D. Masten, *Jun. Warden.*
 Henry Stern, *Treasurer.*

Walter Van Dyke, *Secretary.*
 Isaac Culberg, *Sen. Deacon.*
 A. H. Murdoch, *Jun. Deacon.*
 Austin Wiley, *Tyler.*

Past Master:

B. H. Wyman.

MASTER MASONS:

Beckwith, L. C.	Fleishman, H.	Manheim, Isaac	Roskill, F.
Block, A. J.	Jacoby, Aug.	Maxwell, J. M.	Sinsheimer, S.
Cushing, Horatio	Juillard, C. F.	Miller, J. H.	Stanislawsky, G.
Daniels, H. S.	Juillard, C. L.	Newkirk, I. J.	Stone, J.
Deming, Byron	Legg, F. W.	Nordheimer, B.	Wiley, R.
Duncan, Reuben	Luddington, H. Y.	Parker, R. F.	Wilson, J. G.—33.
Farrell, J. D.			

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Nixon, W.

Strawbridge, G.—2.

ENTERED APPRENTICE:

De Bertrand, E.—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Fleishman, J.	Lake, H. W.	Love, G. J.	Molony, J. R.—5.
Hulme, Geo.			

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

McLean, H. H.	Seely, S. P.	Strawbridge, J.—3.
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DIED:

Nixon, Isaac—1.

Mount Jefferson Lodge, No. 107.**Garrote, Tuolumne County.***Stated Meetings, last Saturday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Edward T. Harper, *Wor. Master.*
 Winslow Hubbard, *Sen. Warden.*
 Thomas H. Burns, *Jun. Warden.*
 James Tannahill, *Treasurer.*

John Macfarlane, *Secretary.*
 Peter Daley, *Sen. Deacon.*
 John Martin, *Jun. Deacon.*
 William C. Stewart, *Tyler.*

Past Master:

Edward T. Harper.

MASTER MASONS:

Blye, Jos. N.	Green, Jno. B.	Low, Harrison	Shepherd, Jas.
Buck, Joshua	Harris, Isaac	Morris, B. F.	Stumper, Isaac
Campbell, M. M.	Jordan, W. R.	Peterson, E. J.	Underwood, J. K.
Dexter, A. G.			—21.

FELLOW CRAFT:

Hamm, J. S.—1.

ENTERED APPRENTICE:

Tannahill, Alex.—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Arnhold, William

Plaster, Jno. H.

Wheeler, William—3.

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

Crockett, Amos—1.

Owen Lodge, No. 108.**Johnson's Bar, Siskiyou County.***Stated Meetings, Thursday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

Gilbert Lanphier, *Wor. Master*,
 John A. Holden, *Sen. Warden*,
 William P. Pool, *Jun. Warden*,
 W. H. St. John, *Treasurer*,
 J. M. Robinson, *Secretary*,

J. W. Sinclair, *Sen. Deacon*,
 William Hackney, *Jun. Deacon*,
 Charles Travelli, *Marshal*,
 S. M. Boblet,
 Augustin Haas, } *Stewards*,

J. W. Stevenson, *Tyler*.**Past Master:**

Gilbert Lanphier.

MASTER MASONS:

Berggrew, Aug.
 Berry, Chas. W.
 Coldren, E. L.
 Dixou, P. B.
 Elzy, A. N.
 Feagles, R. L.
 Freeman, O. D.

Garretson, Job
 Goodall, Oliver
 Huff, William
 Jost, Charles
 Kilgannon, M. F.
 Lindsey, J. H.
 Marfield, John

Miller, Joseph
 McLaughlin, J. B.
 McQuade, Andrew
 Nichols, M. M.
 Prindle, C. W.
 Reinwald, Wm.
 Rice, Isaac K.

Rogers, F. A.
 Sawyer, J. C.
 Simon, Siegmund
 Tickner, H. C.
 Walker, J. J.
 Williams, D. D.—38.

FELLOW CRAFT:

Breckenridge, J. L.—1.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Fisher, James
 Girourd, L.

Hicks, G. A.
 Jacobs, Benj.

Nicholson, James White, Michael—6.

WITHDRAWN:

Armstrong, J. B.
 Buttles, J. F.
 Creegan, James
 Cormack, James

Douglass, James
 Durham, Eph.
 Hall, Solon

Howard, Jno. S.
 Hughes, James L.
 Jacobson, S.

Reid, John
 Soape, Thos. M.
 Taggart, G. I.—13.

Dibble Lodge, No. 109.**Alpha, Nevada County.***Stated Meetings, Monday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

W. W. Wixom, *Wor. Master*,
 James B. Prewett, *Sen. Warden*,
 J. P. Binns, *Jun. Warden*,
 Charles Steinmets, *Treasurer*,

Calvin Hall, *Secretary*,
 Arthur Moore, *Sen. Deacon*,
 H. J. Hoffman, *Jun. Deacon*,
 J. V. A. Lansing, *Marshal*,

James Bridges, *Tyler*.

Past Master:

W. W. Wixom.

MASTER MASONS:

Ashton, Willis	Jennings, J. J.	Ogden, J. C.	Sturtevant, J. H.
Bosley, J. N.	Laird, D. W.	Prescott, L. R.	Woodruff, H. R.
Colette, Daniel	Merryman, B. S.	Shimelum, L.	—23.
Fraser, Alex.	McKee, H.	Stone, J. H.	

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Borrington, Albert	Cannon, H.	Cremer, M.—3.
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ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Borrington, D. A.	Holbrook, H.	Moore, Thos. L.	McCloud, F.—6.
Doolittle, A. J.	Lund, Werner		

WITHDRAWN:

Bailey, F. E.	Plain, Benjamin	Rich, Isaac—3.
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Pajaro Lodge, No. 110.**Watsonville, Santa Cruz County.***Stated Meetings, third Saturday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

N. A. Hicks, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	W. W. Joyce, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
C. G. Menasco, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	T. M. Davis, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
M. Gagnon, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	B. Parrott, <i>Marshal,</i>
Charles Ford, <i>Treasurer,</i>	J. A. Norris, } <i>Stewards,</i>
J. B. Tyus, <i>Secretary,</i>	S. W. Kitchen, }
James F. White, <i>Chaplain,</i>	L. A. See, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Master:

N. A. Hicks.

MASTER MASONS:

Blackburn, J. H.	Johnson, D.	Menasco, M. L.	Sinclair, P.
Cathers, James	Johnson, J. G.	Sanborn, L.	Wise, Preston—21.
Godchaux, L. D.			

ENTERED APPRENTICE:

Carter, Charles—1.

STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Barry, Edward	Whitlock, H. G.—2.
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Chico Lodge, No. 111.**Chico, Butte County.***Stated Meetings, third Saturday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

A. Wood, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	W. O. Middleton, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
C. Wheeler, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	Jeremiah Watson, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
Chas. Wade, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	Samuel Neal, } <i>Stewards,</i>
Jas. H. Cole, <i>Treasurer,</i>	A. M. Sadorus, }
Wm. P. Tilden, <i>Secretary,</i>	Wm. J. Everett, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Master :

John Bidwell.

MASTER MASONS :

Brown, Elisha	Kinson, E. B.	Nicholl, John	Smith, J. B.
Carstens, Peter	Lee, Wesley	Pence, M.	Taber, George
Jackson, St. John	Maine, John	Sill, Daniel, Sr.	Tatham, John—25.
Jennings, H. U.	McCormick, J. E.		

FELLOW CRAFTS :

Hays, Stokely D. Longmore, A. C.—2.

ENTERED APPRENTICES.

Burnham, Lewis Harlom, B. M. Mayhew, W. P. Sill, Daniel, Jr.—4.

WITHDRAWN :Bardshar, E. J. Froman, S. Polk, W. E. Sparks, R. H.—6.
Burns, Alexander Lowe, David**Summit Lodge, No. 112.****Knight's Ferry, San Joaquin County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS :**

M. C. Edwards, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	J. A. Whetstone, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
Stephen Bishop, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	William Palmer, <i>Jun. Deacon.</i>
Andrew J. Lane, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	Jeff. D. Bentley, } <i>Stewards.</i>
Henry Palmer, <i>Treasurer,</i>	John J. Tayson, }
Wm. E. Steuart, <i>Secretary,</i>	Andrew McSorley, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Master :

M. C. Edwards.

MASTER MASONS :

Allen, H. T.	Duncan, Beaumont	Lane, Thos. W.	Reed, Wm. H.
Dent, Geo. W.	Harman, Henry	Lane, Wm. F.	Snodgrass, I. S.—21.
Dillon, Joseph	Honigsberger, Jos.	Papers, Jas. M.	

FELLOW CRAFT :

Krause, Geo. H.—1.

ENTERED APPRENTICE :

Dent, John C.—1.

WITHDRAWN :

Skirm, J. H.—1.

Eden Lodge, No. 113.**San Leandro, Alameda County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday next succeeding Full Moon.***OFFICERS :**

P. E. Edmondson, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	A. H. Broder, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
Jos. H. Taylor, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	Jno. W. Carrick, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
Joseph Demont, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	John Chisholm, <i>Marshal.</i>
Herbert Patterson, <i>Treasurer,</i>	H. M. Vesey, } <i>Stewards,</i>
C. L. Goodrich, <i>Secretary,</i>	J. R. McDonald, }

J. L. Shinan, *Tyler.***Past Master :**

P. E. Edmondson.

MASTER MASONS:

Ball, C.	Du Bois, Jas.	Leland, Geo. W.	Singer, Alex.
Boone, Geo. W.	Fleming, S. K.	Lengfeldt, Louis	Smith, H. C.
Carrick, D. S.	Hamilton, Noble	Marlin, John	Tool, C. B.
Chauncey, Edmund	Hamilton, W. G.	Marlin, J. B.	Vite, John
Church, A. M.	Kennedy, Wm.	Mason, J. R.	Van Sickles, J. H.
Dixon, E. F.	Lacey, David S.	Pease, Wm. C.	—34.

WITHDRAWN:

Norcross, L. M.—1.

Mount Zion Lodge, No. 114.

Grizzly Flat, El Dorado County.

Stated Meetings, Friday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

William McKean, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	G. W. Heath, <i>Chaplain,</i>
Jas. H. Watson, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	John N. Stultz, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
Chas C. McLean, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	William K. Hoyt, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
M. O. Hubbard, <i>Treasurer,</i>	S. M. Slaughter, <i>Marshal,</i>
D. W. Strohn, <i>Secretary,</i>	B. R. Phillips, <i>Steward,</i>
R. S. Johnson, <i>Tyler.</i>	

Past Master:

William McKean.

MASTER MASONS:

Adams, Ira N.	Finney, Wm. M.	Jacks, John S.	McCreery, Alex.
Allan, M. C.	Folsom, Jas. M.	King, Elijah	McKean, Franklin
Barnes, S. R.	Frasier, John	Knox, William	Riehl, Adam
Clark, Robt. J.	Goldstein, Samuel	Lawrence, Ez.	Smith, H. G.
Cobb, Jno. R.	Hampton, J. M.	Lyon, Stephen H.	Steely, J. W.
Connell, Jas. M.	Harvey, G. C.	Morganstein, M.	Warfield, Wm.
Davis, Wm. H.	Hoehn, Jacob	McCreedy, Curtis	Wixon, J. C.—40.
Dean, Samuel			

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Lawrence, George Lee, Henry—2.

WITHDRAWN:

Abrahams, L.	Maguire, C. A.	Riley, John W.	Zollars, Fred.—5.
Boswell, N. C.			

DIED:

McKean, G. W.—1.

St. Mark's Lodge, No. 115.

Fiddletown, Amador County.

Stated Meetings, Saturday next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

F. L. Sullivan, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	F. G. Hoard, <i>Secretary,</i>
T. M. Horrell, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	Thomas Hora, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
J. B. Hill, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	_____ <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
Lewis Zirker, <i>Treasurer,</i>	D. M. Goff, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Master:

F. L. Sullivan.

MASTER MASONS:

Burton, Benj.	Griffin, C. E.	Miller, Lewis	Rowland, A. B.
Dent, Samuel	Horrell, A. B.	Morey, N. L.	Spear, Jno. L.
Farquhar, Jas.	Hunstable, J. H.	McDonald, H. W.	Webber, William
Fitzgerald, H. W.	Kuchenthal, H. A.	Phelps, F. W. M.	Wood, A. P.—24.
Gradhwol, M.			

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Davis, S. J.	Forsythe, Joseph	Johnson, J. M.—3.
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WITHDRAWN:

Blum, Isaac	Goldkofer, C.F.M.W.	Quinn, A.	Wilson, Monroe—6.
Clemens, H.	Gould, T. J.		

Windsor Lodge, No. 116.**Windsor, Sierra County.***Stated Meetings, Wednesday next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

R. R. Johnson, <i>Wor. Master.</i>	William McClure, <i>Secretary.</i>
J. A. Sperry, <i>Sen. Warden.</i>	Francis Discomber, <i>Sen. Deacon.</i>
H. G. Weir, <i>Jun. Warden.</i>	J. D. Sampson, <i>Jun. Deacon.</i>
M. Armer, <i>Treasurer.</i>	John Dohle, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Master:

Henry P. Benton.

MASTER MASONS:

Brown, H. L.	Hugo, Henry	Simpson, J. M.	Young, Wm. P.—15.
Davis, J. D.	Schupeah, John		

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Atiner, Frank	Parker, W. E.	Ward, William—3.
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WITHDRAWN:

Cohn, Heiman	Galway, Richard	Moran, L. F.	Serand, Paul—4.
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Concord Lodge, No. 117.**Sacramento, Sacramento County.***Stated Meetings, first Saturday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

J. L. Thompson, <i>Wor. Master.</i>	L. H. Frazelle, <i>Sen. Deacon.</i>
J. L. Polhemus, <i>Sen. Warden.</i>	W. H. Barton, <i>Jun. Deacon.</i>
Levi Hermance, <i>Jun. Warden.</i>	J. H. McKune, <i>Marshal.</i>
J. Freiderichs, <i>Treasurer.</i>	E. Jacobs, { <i>Stewards.</i>
William Sinclair, <i>Secretary.</i>	John Renz, }
David Deal, <i>Chaplain.</i>	N. A. Kidder, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Masters :

J. L. Thompson, B. B. Brown.

MASTER MASONS :

Ackley, Warren	Buddivent, P. L.	Rose, E. A.	Walter, J.—20.
Bryant, J.	Herzog, Philip	Thayer, N. D.	

ENTERED APPRENTICES :

Ault, Matthias	Keithly, A.	Sowler, T. Y.	Wiggins, Geo.
Brown, J. H.	Radcliffe, Robert	Whitcomb, F. P.	Zeitler, Chas.—10.
Fenno, C. A.	Shorey, S. A.		

WITHDRAWN :

Little, J. Moulton, U. F.—2

Vallecito Lodge, No. 118.**Vallecito, Calaveras County.***Stated Meetings, first Saturday in each month.***OFFICERS :**

Wm. A. Russell, <i>Wor. Master.</i>	A. W. Genung, <i>Secretary,</i>
Wm. Harland, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	Fred. Faxon, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
Edward Kahn, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	Wm. Smith, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
Charles Shanks, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Wm. Crozier, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Master :

J. W. Griswold.

MASTER MASONS :

Booth, J. B.	Krause, William	Mull, Eli	Smith, J. K.
Hanford, W. H.	Lewis, W. T.	McLaughlin, J. W.	Stiver, James—19.
Hinckel, W. W.	Morris, W. R.		

FELLOW CRAFTS :

Montgomery, M. M. Moore, James Zaum, S.—3.

ENTERED APPRENTICE :

Kattenhorn, H. H.—1.

WITHDRAWN :

Beach, G. H. Imbrie, A. C. Roadhouse, J. K. Smith, J. B.—4.

Clinton Lodge, No. 119.**Horsetown, Shasta County.***Stated Meetings, Wednesday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS :**

Thomas Hart, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	John H. Hough, <i>Secretary,</i>
Henry Collins, <i>Sen. Warden.</i>	_____, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
H. H. Lull, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	_____, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
Peter Cohen, <i>Treasurer,</i>	_____, <i>Tyler.</i>

MASTER MASONS:

Baxton, Charles	Griffin, George	Lemon, James	Norton, J. H.
Brooks, Joseph	Hoagland, J. N.	Linn, Edward	Prior, Athanasius
Chandler, F. B.	Keenan, Michael	Marriott, Thos.	Van Valzah, J. M.
Green, Thomas	Lauder, Henry	McAuliffe, D. R.	—20.

FELLOW CRAFTS:

James, William	Murphy, Michael—2.
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ENTERED APPRENTICE:

Ludwig, Henry—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Cathcart, A. J.	McDowell, Jno.	Phillips, J. W. D.	Roden, John B.
Johnston, W. E.	Newman, Thos. A.	Prior, Joseph	Sharp, Robert
Kaskell, John	Parkison, G. W.	Purman, Henry	White, Chauncey
Martin, Jesse	Pendleton, Benj.		—14.

Fidelity Lodge, No. 120.

San Francisco, San Francisco County.

Stated Meetings, first Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Louis Cohn, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	H. Falkenstein, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
F. A. Benjamin, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	Emanuel Levy, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
Seixas Solomons, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	H. Rosenfield, <i>Marshal,</i>
D. Abrahams, <i>Treasurer,</i>	S. Barnett, } <i>Stewards,</i>
J. McKenna, <i>Secretary,</i>	W. H. Culver, }
Joel Noah. (of Occidental Lodge, No. 22,) <i>Tyler.</i>	

Past Master:

Louis Cohn.

MASTER MASONS:

Adler, Julius	Gambitz, K.	Malotovich, A.	Uhlfeder, S.
Cahn, Leopold	Godchaux, Jos.	Meyer, William	Van Stratten, B. E.
Carter, R. W.	Goldsmith, L.	Roassi, D. B.	Weil, Henry
Christy, R.	Houseman, James	Schier, Gabriel	Woolf, Ab.
Craner, S.	Kalisher, E. D.	Smiley, G. W.	Woolf, B.—33.
Eastburn, T. L.	Levi, S.	Sutro, G.	

FELLOW CRAFT:

Fell, E. R.—1.

ENTERED APPRENTICE:

Wallace, J. S.—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Ellis, E. D.	Peck, R.	Sharp, Louis	Woolf, John L.—4.
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Ionic Lodge, No. 121.

Iowa Hill, Placer County.

Stated Meetings, Wednesday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

E. H. Van Decar, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	J. C. Simpson, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
Thos. P. Slade, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	J. M. Powers, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
Wm. C. Rich, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	G. E. Smith, } <i>Stewards.</i>
I. Stockwell, <i>Treasurer,</i>	J. F. Vandeviere, }
J. H. Neff, <i>Secretary,</i>	J. Swartwout, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Master :

W. C. Rich.

MASTER MASONS :

Barclay, W. P.	Coleman, J. C.	Lancaster, J.	Rich, J. J.
Barton, C. A.	Dods, James	Patton, W. H.	Rodolph, Godfrey
Cole, H. M.	Honsel, W. A.	Priest, D. Q.	Thurman, L. B.—25.
Coleman, E.	Ladd, H. C.	Priest, J. J.	

FELLOW CRAFTS :

Pebelie, J. Smith, A.—2.

ENTERED APPRENTICE :

McGowan, Charles—1.

Alamo Lodge, No. 122.**Alamo, Contra Costa County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday next succeeding Full Moon.***OFFICERS :**

John E. Mitchell, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	Sidney Maupin, <i>Secretary,</i>
F. Vandeventer, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	Cornelius Yager, <i>Chaplain,</i>
J. N. B. Mitchell, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	J. T. Flippin, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
Jno. M. White, <i>Treasurer,</i>	J. C. O'Brian, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
J. L. Labarree, <i>Tyler.</i>	

MASTER MASONS :

Allen, James	Burton, W. T.	Gobel, G. W.	Wyatt, William—14.
Brian, G. W.			

FELLOW CRAFTS :

Hemme, August Jones, Nathaniel—2.

ENTERED APPRENTICE :

Thirston, Joseph—1.

Sotoyomi Lodge, No. 123.**Healdsburg, Sonoma County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS :**

John N. Bailhache, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	A. B. Aull, <i>Secretary.</i>
E. Sindheimer, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	J. S. Ormsby, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
R. Powell, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	H. P. Swain, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
J. G. McManus, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Willis Thornton, <i>Tyler.</i>

MASTER MASONS :

Albertson, Joseph	Bonham, B. B.	Cavanagh, Jno.	Hartman, W. B.
Bamford, W.	Brown, Josiah	Fike, N.	Ireland, Johnson
Belden, Joseph	Carson, Lindsey	Grant, Jno. D.	McManus, Jas.—20.

FELLOW CRAFTS :

Engle, H. S. Laymanee, Isaac Stanley, Wm.—3.

ENTERED APPRENTICES :

Estis, Jefferson Johnson, R. J. Richter, C.—3.

Table Mountain Lodge, No. 124.**Oroville, Butte County.***Stated Meetings, first Tuesday in each month.***OFFICERS :**

George H. Crossette, *Wor. Master*,
 N. Dennis Witt, *Sen. Warden*,
 C. F. Lott, *Jun. Warden*,
 H. Reynolds, *Treasurer*,

C. F. Colton, *Secretary*,
 Thos. Callon, *Sen. Deacon*,
 D. G. O'Donnell, *Jun. Deacon*,
 ————, *Tyler*.

MASTER MASONS :

Gaston, H. A.	Hammon, M. W.	Johnson, Frank	Marple, J. H.
Gridley, R. C.	Howard, J. G.	Keating, J. D.	Wells, Thomas—15.

FELLOW CRAFT :

Berry, J. S.—1.

ENTERED APPRENTICES :

Clark, J. M.	Fostrem, G. W.	Leovy, A. F.—3.
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Progress Lodge, No. 125.**San Francisco, San Francisco County.***Stated Meetings, fourth Monday in each month.***OFFICERS :**

Levi Keller, *Wor. Master*,
 Jno. M. Martin, *Sen. Warden*,
 Henry Danziger, *Jun. Warden*,
 A. Craner, *Treasurer*,

————, *Secretary*,
 S. Grassheim, *Sen. Deacon*,
 B. Joseph, *Jun. Deacon*,
 P. Gardner, (of Cal. Lodge,) *Tyler*.

Past Master :

Levi Keller.

MASTER MASONS :

Andrews, A.	Caro, M.	Levy, A.	Plato, D.
Ashim, S.	Chamikow, R.	Lippmann, P.	Weyl, F.
Braham, E.	Gallick, W.	Louisson, M.	Wolf, C.—18.

FELLOW CRAFTS :

Ashim, M. B.	Latz, Henry	Nation, B. C.	Williams, N.—5.
Fox, E.			

ENTERED APPRENTICES :

Berliner, H. H.	Samuels, J.
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Lafayette Lodge, No. 126.**Bodega, Sonoma County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS :**

Wm. G. Lee, *Wor. Master*,
 Jacob Fouts, *Sen. Warden*,
 Lossen Ross, *Jun. Warden*,
 Wm. Henry, *Treasurer*,

Richard Dickens, *Secretary*,
 John Ryan, *Sen. Deacon*,
 Andrew Fife, *Jun. Deacon*,
 Benj. S. Burns, *Tyler*.

MASTER MASONS:

Cockerill, T. G. Markell, David Morris, J. H. P. Taber, Wm. L.—13.
Ely, William

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Kuffel, Isaac Piercy, Chas. W.—2.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Hill, James McGuire, P. B.—2.

Hermann Lodge, No. 127.

San Francisco, Graffschaft von San Francisco.

Regelmaessige versammlungen, den dritten Donnerstag im monat.

BEAMTEN:

John A. Reichert, <i>Ehrlw. Meister,</i>	Karl Proschold, <i>Erster Schaffner,</i>
Christian G. Stahl, <i>Erster Aufseher,</i>	H. W. Nolting, <i>Zweiter Schaffner,</i>
Francis Staud, <i>Zweiter Aufseher,</i>	Friederich Rasche, <i>Marschall,</i>
William A. Krahe, <i>Schatzmeister,</i>	John Metz, <i>Stewards,</i>
Jacob F. Haehnlen, <i>Secretair,</i>	J. A. Lafontaine, <i>Stewards,</i>
Phineas Gardner, (von California Lodge,) <i>Waechter.</i>	

Alt Meister:

Jacob F. Haehnlen.

MEISTER MAURER:

Czapkay, L. J.—11.

***Folsom Lodge, U. D.**

Folsom, Sacramento County.

Stated Meetings, Thursday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

Leverett Bradley, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	Wm. Timson, <i>Secretary,</i>
Calvin Hall, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	A. O. Carr, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
John Waters, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	G. M. Cole, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
H. F. Kellum, <i>Treasurer,</i>	J. W. Gaylord, <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Master:

Leverett Bradley.

MASTER MASONS:

Barker, S.	Griggs, George	Morris, R.	Tipps, J. C.
Cole, L. G.	Hees, W. D.	Palmer, C. T. H.	Waddilove, H. B.
Dresser, W. W.	Meredith, J. S.		—18.

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Spruance, John Winder, Jno. M.—2.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Bagley, B. N.	Shirland, E. D.	Tait, A. J.	Whitely, Thos.—5.
Lewis, O. C.			

WITHDRAWN:

Kullman, L.—1.

* Dispensation surrendered, May, A. L. 5358.

Visalia Lodge, U. D.**Visalia, Tulare County.***Stated Meetings, third Saturday in each month.***OFFICERS :**

E. F. Storey, *Wor. Master*,
 S. V. Hardesty, *Sen. Warden*,
 A. H. Clark, *Jun. Warden*,
 ——— ———, *Treasurer*,

Thomas Baker, *Secretary*.
 ——— ———, *Sen. Deacon*,
 ——— ———, *Jun. Deacon*,
 ——— ———, *Tyler*.

MASTER MASONS :

Barton, John	Keeney, J. R.	McClintock, S. R.	Shelton, John
Beckam, S. W.	Kelsey, Samuel	Owens, Joshua	Stevens, J. B.
Ellis, Radford	Leamin, Chris.	Page, John	Thomas, J. N.
Howard, Henry	Majors, John P.	Rire, John	Thompson, J. D.
Hussey, William	Mankins, J. J.	Sageley, R. B.	Wallace, B. F.
Johnson, N. B.	Meckley, J. S.	Sexton, M. M.	Wood, J. S. L.—28.

FELLOW CRAFTS :

Clampet, M.	Pheasant, W.	Poindexter, W. G.	Smith, O. R.—5.
Hubbs, J. R.			

ENTERED APPRENTICES :

Baker, William	Mitchell, O.	Patterson, J. A.	Soldati, F.—5.
Chatten, R.			

EXPULSIONS AND SUSPENSIONS

DURING THE YEAR.

EXPULSIONS

CONFIRMED BY THE GRAND LODGE.

C. F. BRAINERD,.....	by	<i>California</i>	Lodge, No. 1, Nov. 28, 1857.
CHARLES CLARK,.....	"	<i>Golden Gate</i>	" " 30, April 20, 1858.
JOSEPH MAYER,.....	"	<i>The Grand Lodge,</i>	May 15, "

EXPULSIONS

By the Lodges, which, for lack of the necessary transcripts of proceedings, have not been confirmed by the Grand Lodge, and which, in accordance with the regulations, stand as Suspensions.

TERENCE KELLY,.....	by	<i>San Francisco</i>	Lodge, No. 7, July 10, 1857.
W. B. OLMSTEAD,.....	"	<i>Trinity</i>	" " 27, " 13, "
PHILIP HOWELL,.....	"	<i>Gold Hill</i>	" " 32, " 5, "
JOSEPH MAY,.....	"	<i>Mount Moriah</i>	" " 44, April 24, 1858.
CHARLES LASALLE,.....	"	<i>Rising Star</i>	" " 83, Oct. 3, 1857.
PHILIP MCKENNA,.....	"	<i>Summit</i>	" " 112, Sept. 26, "

SUSPENSIONS.

O. J. PRESTON,.....	by	<i>California</i>	Lodge, No. 1, Dec. 5, 1857.
M. GREENEBAUM,.....	"	<i>Yount</i>	" " 12, Mar. 6, 1858.
N. MCKIMMEY,.....	"	"	" " " " " "
W. BABCOCK,.....	"	<i>Hawaiian</i>	" " 21, " 13, 1857.
GEORGE WILLIAMS,.....	"	"	" " " Jan. 11, 1858.
J. L. MOOSE,.....	"	<i>Rough and Ready</i>	" " 52, Oct. 17, 1857.
D. McDONALD,.....	"	<i>Santa Rosa</i>	" " 57, Dec. 22, "
PETER A. BOSSERT,.....	"	<i>George Washington</i>	" " 62, Feb. 28, "
A. A. CAMPAU,.....	"	<i>Natoma</i>	" " 64, Oct. 24, "
G. A. WILSON,.....	"	<i>Minnesota</i>	" " 67, April 19, 1858.
D. W. CLEWES,....	"	<i>Mountain Forest</i>	" " 75, Dec. 26, 1857.
D. HARDY,.....	"	" "	" " " Mar. 28, 1858.
A. B. HAYWARD,.....	"	<i>Lexington</i>	" " 104, April 24, "

LIST OF LODGES NOW IN EXISTENCE:

WITH A SUMMARY OF THEIR RETURNS FOR THE MASONIC YEAR ENDING MARCH 4TH, A. L. 5858.

NAMES OF LODGES.	PLACE OF LOCATION.		DATE WHEN CHARTER WAS ORDERED.	Initiated	Passed.....	Raised.....	Joined.....	Withdrawn.....	Stricken from Roll.....	Suspended.....	Expelled.....	Died.....	Rejected.....	F. Apprentices	Fellow Crafts.	Mast. Masons.
	TOWN.	COUNTY.														
1 CALIFORNIA, ...	San Francisco, ...	San Francisco, ...	April 19, 1850	22	19	14	8	18	11	1	1	2	...	32	17	163
2 WESTERN STAR, ...	Shasta, ...	Shasta, ...	" "	6	10	9	7	18	1	...	...	1	...	2	4	74
3 TEHAMA, ...	Sacramento, ...	Sacramento, ...	" "	7	7	7	5	17	1	...	...	1	...	10	2	75
4 BENICIA, ...	Benicia, ...	Solano, ...	" "	3	3	3	1	...	2	...	...	1	3	1	1	38
5 SAN FRANCISCO, ...	San Francisco, ...	San Francisco, ...	Nov. 27, "	5	5	8	2	8	6	1	...	1	7	4	3	71
6 TUOLUMNE, ...	Tuolumne, ...	Tuolumne, ...	" "	5	7	5	3	8	3	...	...	3	...	4	5	59
7 MARYSVILLE, ...	Marysville, ...	Yuba, ...	" "	4	4	4	4	3	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	51
8 SAN JOSE, ...	San Jose, ...	Santa Clara, ...	" "	7	5	6	5	6	...	...	...	1	...	11	1	64
9 YOUNT, ...	Napa, ...	Napa, ...	May 6, 1851	3	2	...	6	4	...	2	...	1	...	4	2	36
10 NEVADA, ...	Nevada, ...	Nevada, ...	" "	14	10	9	8	16	4	...	...	2	4	7	2	64
11 TEMPLE, ...	Sonoma, ...	Sonoma, ...	" "	2	...	2	1	5	11	...	...	2	...	2	3	22
12 EUREKA, ...	Auburn, ...	Placer, ...	Nov. 7, "	1	3	3	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	17
13 PARFAITE UNION, ..	San Francisco, ...	San Francisco, ...	May 5, 1852	4	5	3	3	5	1	...	...	1	...	4	5	27
14 MOUNTAIN SHADE, ..	Downieville, ...	Sierra, ...	" "	8	8	11	7	12	4	...	...	...	...	3	1	59
15 SAN JOAQUIN, ...	Stockton, ...	Sacramento, ...	" "	5	5	5	2	6	...	...	...	1	5	4	...	36
16 WASHINGTON, ...	Sacramento, ...	Sacramento, ...	" "	7	8	6	1	11	12	...	...	1	...	10	7	80
17 HAWAIIAN, ...	Honolulu, ...	Hawaiian Islands, ..	" "	14	13	14	1	2	...	2	...	1	4	5	...	53
18 OCCIDENTAL, ...	San Francisco, ...	San Francisco, ...	" "	11	11	11	8	4	17	...	...	4	...	13	9	60
19 MADISON, ...	Grass Valley, ...	Nevada, ...	May 5, 1853	11	13	13	4	8	3	...	...	1	5	7	3	67
20 MARIPOSA, ...	Mariposa, ...	Mariposa, ...	" "	8	9	2	3	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	57
21 GEORGETOWN, ...	Georgetown, ...	El Dorado, ...	" "	7	10	8	3	15	3	...	...	...	3	12	7	49
22 EL DORADO, ...	Placerville, ...	El Dorado, ...	" "	10	10	10	11	9	...	...	...	...	5	4	2	63
23 TRINITY, ...	Weaverville, ...	Trinity, ...	" "	7	6	10	5	13	...	1	...	1	14	4	1	61
24 COLUMBIA, ...	Columbia, ...	Tuolumne, ...	" "	8	7	6	3	13	2	...	...	2	6	4	4	64
25 DIAMOND, ...	Diamond Springs, ...	El Dorado, ...	" "	7	4	6	1	10	4	...	...	1	2	3	1	23

26	GOLDEN GATE,.....	San Francisco,.....	San Francisco,...	May	5, 1853	14	11	10	5	...	3	...	1	...	3	12	8	112
27	MOKELUMNE,.....	Oro City,.....	Calaveras,.....	"	"	5	4	4	2	3	1	...	1	...	2	16	5	39
28	GOLD HILL,.....	Murphy's,.....	Calaveras,.....	"	"	7	6	5	3	14	1	...	...	...	...	4	2	30
29	OPHIR,.....	Santa Clara,.....	Santa Clara,.....	"	"	4	3	3	...	11	...	...	2	...	3	4	3	35
30	SANTA CLARA,.....	San Diego,.....	San Diego,.....	"	"	4	4	6	3	...	1	...	...	...	3	2	...	27
31	SAN DIEGO,.....	Bidwell's Bar,.....	Butte,.....	May	7, 1854	8	8	2	...	14	11	...	...	...	...	2	...	14
32	BUTTE,.....	Yreka,.....	Siskiyou,.....	"	"	13	13	11	2	4	1	...	1	...	3	5	5	32
33	ST. JOHN'S,.....	Santa Cruz,.....	Santa Cruz,.....	"	"	8	7	8	4	11	...	...	...	...	3	3	3	36
34	SANTA CRUZ,.....	Marysville,.....	Yuba,.....	"	"	8	5	4	2	4	...	...	...	...	2	5	1	42
35	YUBA,.....	Sacramento,.....	Sacramento,.....	"	"	12	7	8	1	5	1	...	1	...	...	6	2	38
36	SACRAMENTO,.....	Martinez,.....	Contra Costa,.....	"	"	18	10	9	2	1	...	...	...	...	1	12	5	57
37	MARTINEZ,.....	Los Angeles,.....	Los Angeles,.....	"	5,	12	10	9	6	2	...	...	...	...	2	2	1	49
38	LOS ANGELES,.....	El Dorado,.....	El Dorado,.....	"	3,	5	8	8	9	16	6	1	...	...	5	12	5	127
39	HIRAM,.....	San Francisco,.....	San Francisco,.....	"	"	3	5	3	5	7	1	...	...	...	...	3	2	27
40	MOUNT MORIAH,...	Crescent City,.....	Del Norte,.....	"	"	5	1	1	1	8	...	...	...	...	3	10	1	31
41	CRESCENT,.....	San Juan,.....	Monterey,.....	"	4,	10	8	8	3	5	2	...	2	...	2	4	...	55
42	TEXAS,.....	Michigan Bluffs,.....	Placer,.....	"	3,	14	11	9	3	5	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...
43	MICHIGAN CITY,...	San Francisco,.....	San Francisco,...	"	"	1	1	1	5	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
44	LEBANON,.....	Forbestown,.....	Butte,.....	"	"	2	2	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
45	FORBESTOWN,.....	Illinoistown,.....	Placer,.....	"	"	6	8	5	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
46	ROUGH AND READY,...	Rough and Ready,...	Nevada,.....	"	"	1	1	2	2	10	...	...	1	...	1	2	4	29
47	ST. JAMES,.....	Jamestown,.....	Tuolumne,.....	May	2, 1855	9	9	2	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	6	2	32
48	SUISUN,.....	Solano,.....	Solano,.....	"	"	4	4	4	4	24	4	...	...	...	2	1	3	38
49	VOLCANO,.....	Anador,.....	Anador,.....	"	"	7	7	9	7	12	...	...	...	...	7	12	1	29
50	SANTA ROSA,.....	Sonoma,.....	Sonoma,.....	"	"	8	8	8	2	8	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	48
51	UNION,.....	Sacramento,.....	Sacramento,.....	"	"	7	7	7	6	7	...	...	...	...	5	1	3	30
52	GRAVEL RANGE,...	Campionville,.....	Yuba,.....	"	"	6	4	4	7	1	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	38
53	PLUMAS,.....	Quincy,.....	Plumas,.....	"	"	10	9	8	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	16
54	LIVE OAK,.....	Oakland,.....	Alameda,.....	"	"	3	3	3	4	3	...	...	...	...	1	7	2	29
55	GEO. WASHINGTON, .	Chinese,.....	Tuolumne,.....	"	3,	10	9	8	1	7	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...
56	IOWA HILL,.....	Iowa Hill,.....	Placer,.....	"	"	...	3	3	4	3	...	...	1	...	1	9	4	28
57	NATOMA,.....	Folsom,.....	Sacramento,.....	"	2,	3	3	3	4	3	...	...	1	...	1	2	4	23
58	AMADOR,.....	Jackson,.....	Amador,.....	"	"	16	14	18	4	12	3	...	...	...	6	7	3	62
59	FOREST,.....	Forest City,.....	Sierra,.....	"	"	13	12	12	2	11	...	...	1	...	1	6	...	38
60	MINNESOTA,.....	Minnesota,.....	Sierra,.....	"	"	13	12	12	2	11	...	...	1	...	1	6	...	38

List of Lodges, etc. — Continued.

NAMES OF LODGES.	PLACE OF LOCATION.		DATE WHEN CHARTER WAS ORDERED.	Initiated,.....	Passed,.....	Raised,.....	Joined,.....	Withdrawn, ...	Expelled,.....	Died,.....	Rejected,.....	E. Apprentices	Fellow Crafts,.	Mast. Masons,.
	TOWN.	COUNTY.												
60 MORNING STAR,...	Stockton,.....	San Joaquin,...	May 2, 1855	9	5	5	5	2	..	1	..	5	..	41
61 CORINTHIAN,...	Marysville,.....	Yuba,.....	" "	6	5	7	3	6	1	1	..	5	..	36
62 ENTERPRISE,...	Yuba City,.....	Sutter,.....	" "	10	7	7	5	2	1	1	..	6	..	44
63 NEBRASKA,...	Michigan Bar,...	Sacramento,...	" "	8	8	10	10	5	..	..	2	5	..	27
64 E. K. KANE,.....	Nevada,.....	Nevada,.....	" "	6	7	9	8	9	3	..	6	1	..	35
65 TYRO,.....	Drytown,.....	Amador,.....	" "	4	2	5	2	8	..	1	..	7	..	18
* WISCONSIN HILL,...	Wisconsin Hill,...	Placer,.....	" 3	1	2	2	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	..
66 MOUNTAIN FOREST,...	Eureka North,...	Sierra,.....	" 2	17	13	12	6	8	2	..	10	5	3	37
67 BEAR MOUNTAIN,...	Angel's Camp,...	Calaveras,...	" "	2	3	2	..	2	..	1	..	1	3	22
68 PETALUMA,.....	Petaluma,.....	Sonoma,.....	" "	11	12	8	12	5	1	1	4	5	4	57
69 CALAVERAS,.....	San Andreas,...	Calaveras,...	" 4	2	5	4	1	..	..	1	..	6	5	28
70 HUMBOLDT,.....	Eureka, ...	Humboldt,...	July 1	..	1	1	1	2	..	1	..	5	..	20
71 IONE,.....	Yolo,.....	Amador,.....	May 8, 1856	3	2	3	4	2	..	..	..	5	1	26
72 YOLO,.....	Yolo,.....	Yolo,.....	" "	2	3	3	2	3	..	..	..	1	1	21
73 MOUNTAIN,.....	Don Pedro's Bar,...	Tuolumne,...	" "	7	5	4	2	1	..	..	..	4	3	26
74 RISING STAR,...	Todd's Valley,...	Placer,.....	" "	13	10	9	9	8	2	2	3	3	2	47
75 VESPER,.....	Red Bluffs,.....	Tehama,.....	" 9	1	3	3	4	..	..	..	..	5	1	28
76 INDIAN DIGGINGS,...	Indian Diggings,...	El Dorado,...	" 8	7	5	4	2	9	1	..	..	6	1	22
77 ST. LOUIS,.....	St. Louis,.....	Sierra,.....	" "	9	8	11	1	15	..	1	3	6	1	37
78 NAVAL,.....	Vallejo,.....	Solano,.....	" "	8	8	8	3	3	..	..	6	5	2	30
79 QUITMAN,.....	Orleans Flat,...	Nevada,...	" "	8	10	12	3	13	..	2	3	4	2	44
* ROSE'S BAR,.....	Empire Ranch,...	Yuba,.....	" "	4	5	3	1	6	..	..	..	..	2	28
80 POLAR STAR,.....	Forks Poor Man's Creek	Plumas,.....	" "	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	11
81 NORTH STAR,.....	Hooperville,...	Siskiyou,...	" "	15	10	6	3	6	..	..	6	12	3	32
82 ACACIA,.....	Coloma,.....	El Dorado,...	" "	7	5	7	1	5	..	..	..	6	2	35
83 CAYMES,.....	Yountville,...	Napa,.....	" "	3	1	1	3	..	..	..	..	2	2	17
84 MOUNT HERMON,...	Elizabethtown,...	Plumas,...	" "	10	12	13	1	6	..	..	3	7	5	30
85 HENRY CLAY,.....	Sutter Creek,...	Amador,.....	" "	5	3	3	5	3	1	..	1	5	..	27

86	HOWARD,.....	96	Yreka,.....	May	8, 1856	10	9	9	2	3	...	...	2	4	2	37		
97	JEFFERSON,.....	97	Sierra,.....	"	"	5	6	6	3	9	1	...	...	4	2	41		
88	QUARTZBURG,.....	98	Mariposa,.....	"	"	2	2	2	1	6	...	1	...	2	2	22		
89	LA GRANGE,.....	99	Stanislaus,.....	"	"	6	3	3	3	3	3	...	6	13	1	32		
90	CAMPO SECO,.....	100	Calaveras,.....	"	"	6	7	7	2	4	...	...	6	7	1	30		
91	CLAY,.....	101	Placer,.....	"	"	12	9	7	4	1	1	...	1	5	3	28		
92	MANZANITA,.....	102	Nevada,.....	"	"	13	11	11	4	6	1	...	4	3	...	41		
93	OROVILLE,.....	103	Butte,.....	"	"	14	12	9	5	9	2	...	10	7	5	42		
94	LEXINGTON,.....	104	Los Angeles,.....	"	15,	6	4	3	1	3	1	...	1	2	1	25		
95	SISKIYOU,.....	105	Siskiyou,.....	"	"	6	3	3	3	4	...	...	...	4	1	15		
96	ARCATA,.....	106	Humboldt,.....	May	14, 1857	6	5	6	...	5	3	...	1	2	1	33		
97	MR. JEFFERSON,.....	107	Tuolumne,.....	"	"	3	3	4	4	3	1	...	...	1	1	21		
98	OWEN,.....	108	Siskiyou,.....	"	"	12	12	12	4	13	...	...	...	4	6	38		
99	DIBLE,.....	109	Nevada,.....	"	"	7	6	5	3	3	...	...	3	6	3	23		
100	PAJARO,.....	110	Santa Cruz,.....	"	"	1	1	2	1	...	2	...	1	1	...	21		
01	CHICO,.....	111	Butte,.....	"	"	9	9	9	8	6	...	...	6	4	2	25		
02	SUMMIT,.....	112	San Joaquin,.....	"	"	4	3	3	2	1	...	1	...	3	1	21		
03	EDEN,.....	113	Alameda,.....	"	"	7	8	10	9	1	...	...	...	...	...	34		
04	MT. ZION,.....	114	El Dorado,.....	"	"	27	26	26	2	5	...	...	1	8	2	40		
05	ST. MARK'S,.....	115	Amador,.....	"	"	9	9	11	7	6	...	...	3	3	...	24		
06	WINDSOR,.....	116	Sierra,.....	"	"	6	9	9	1	4	...	...	3	3	...	15		
07	CONCORD,.....	117	Sacramento,.....	"	"	13	3	3	3	9	2	...	1	10	...	20		
08	VALLEJO,.....	118	Calaveras,.....	May	13, 1858	8	7	4	12	4	...	...	...	1	3	19		
09	CLINTON,.....	119	Shasta,.....	"	"	10	9	8	7	14	...	...	4	1	2	20		
10	FIDELITY,.....	120	San Francisco,.....	"	"	6	9	10	4	4	...	...	2	1	1	33		
11	IONIC,.....	121	Placer,.....	"	"	9	8	6	10	...	...	...	1	1	2	25		
12	ALAMO,.....	122	Contra Costa,.....	"	"	5	4	2	1	...	...	...	3	1	2	14		
13	SOTOYOMI,.....	123	Sonoma,.....	"	"	8	5	2	11	...	...	...	1	3	3	20		
14	TABLE MOUNTAIN,.....	124	Butte,.....	"	"	5	2	1	4	...	...	...	5	...	...	15		
15	PROGRESS,.....	125	San Francisco,.....	"	"	11	9	4	...	...	...	...	1	2	5	18		
16	LA FAYETTE,.....	126	Sonoma,.....	"	"	6	4	2	3	...	...	...	...	2	2	13		
17	HERMANS,.....	127	San Francisco,.....	"	"	1	1	1	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	11		
18	VISALIA,.....	U.D.	Tulare,.....	"	"	10	5	...	4	2	...	...	...	5	5	28		
	* FOLSOM,.....	U.D.	Sacramento,.....			6	3	4	2	1	...	...	1	...	...	...		
						882	786	759	435	740	148	19	3	64	248	564	271	4474

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1850.

JON. D. STEVENSON.....	<i>Grand Master.</i>	SASCHEL WOODS*...Jun.	<i>Grand Warden.</i>
JOHN A. TUTT.....	<i>Dep. Grand Master.</i>	LEVI STOWELL*.....	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
CALEB FENNER.....	<i>Sen. Grand Warden.</i>	JOHN H. GIBON.....	<i>Grand Secretary.</i>

1851.

JOHN A. TUTT.....	<i>Grand Master.</i>	B. S. OLDS.....	<i>Jun. Grand Warden.</i>
B. D. HYAM.....	<i>Dep. Grand Master.</i>	T. A. THOMAS.....	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
E. F. W. ELLIS.....	<i>Sen. Grand Warden.</i>	LEVI STOWELL*.....	<i>Grand Secretary.</i>

1852.

BENJ. D. HYAM.....	<i>Grand Master.</i>	J. R. MCCONNELL..Jun.	<i>Grand Warden.</i>
C. M. RADCLIFF.....	<i>Dep. Grand Master.</i>	ADDISON MARTIN.....	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
A. HOLLUB.....	<i>Sen. Grand Warden.</i>	LEVI STOWELL*.....	<i>Grand Secretary.</i>

1853.

CHAS. M. RADCLIFF.....	<i>Grand Master.</i>	R. F. KNOTT.....	<i>Jun. Grand Warden.</i>
T. A. THOMAS.....	<i>Dep. Grand Master.</i>	ADDISON MARTIN.....	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
J. R. CRANDALL.....	<i>Sen. Grand Warden.</i>	LEVI STOWELL*.....	<i>Grand Secretary.</i>

1854.

WM. H. HOWARD.....	<i>Grand Master.</i>	R. N. WOOD*.....	<i>Jun. Grand Warden.</i>
N. GREENE CURTIS...Dep.	<i>Grand Master.</i>	ADDISON MARTIN.....	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
R. E. COLE.....	<i>Sen. Grand Warden.</i>	LEVI STOWELL*.....	<i>Grand Secretary.</i>

1855.

WM. H. HOWARD.....	<i>Grand Master.</i>	S. A. MERRITT....Jun.	<i>Grand Warden.</i>
T. A. THOMAS.....	<i>Dep. Grand Master.</i>	ADDISON MARTIN.....	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
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1856.

WM. H. HOWARD.....	<i>Grand Master.</i>	P. W. RANDLE.....	<i>Jun. Grand Warden.</i>
J. A. RAYMOND.....	<i>Dep. Grand Master.</i>	ADDISON MARTIN.....	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
LEMUEL LYON.....	<i>Sen. Grand Warden.</i>	ALEX. G. ABELL.....	<i>Grand Secretary.</i>

1857.

N. GREENE CURTIS.....	<i>Grand Master.</i>	J. B. BOPE.....	<i>Jun. Grand Warden.</i>
CHARLES MARSH....Dep.	<i>Grand Master.</i>	ADDISON MARTIN.....	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
A. D. PARK.....	<i>Sen. Grand Warden.</i>	ALEX. G. ABELL.....	<i>Grand Secretary.</i>

1858.

N. GREENE CURTIS.....	<i>Grand Master.</i>	J. W. BICKNELL....Jun.	<i>Grand Warden.</i>
P. W. SHEPHEARD...Dep.	<i>Grand Master.</i>	ADDISON MARTIN.....	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
W. McCORMICK.....	<i>Sen. Grand Warden.</i>	ALEX. G. ABELL.....	<i>Grand Secretary.</i>

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ALABAMA.....	DANIEL SAYRE.....	Montgomery,...	June 14, 1821.
ARKANSAS.....	THOMAS D. MERRICK.....	Little Rock,...	Feb. 22, 1832.
CONNECTICUT,...	ELIPHALET G. STORER.....	New Haven,...	July 8, 1789.
DELAWARE,.....	WILLIAM S. HAYES.....	Wilmington,...	June 6, 1806.
DIST. COLUMBIA,.	GUSTAVUS A. SCHWARZMAN,.	Washington,...	Feb. 19, 1811.
FLORIDA,.....	JOHN B. TAYLOR,.....	Tallahassee,...	July 5, 1830.
GEORGIA,.....	SIMRI ROSE,.....	Macon,.....	Dec. 16, 1786.
ILLINOIS,.....	HARMON G. REYNOLDS,...	Knoxville,....	April 6, 1840.
INDIANA,.....	FRANCIS KING,.....	Indianapolis,...	Jan. 12, 1818.
IOWA.....	THEO. S. PARVIN,.....	Muscatine,....	Jan. 8, 1844.
KANSAS,.....	CHARLES MUNDEE,.....	Ft. Leavenworth,	March 17, 1856.
KENTUCKY,.....	JOHN M. S. MCCORKLE,...	Greensburg,...	Oct. 13, 1800.
LOUISIANA,.....	SAMUEL G. RISK,.....	New Orleans,...	July 11, 1812.
MAINE.....	IRA BERRY,.....	Portland,.....	June 1, 1820.
MARYLAND,.....	JOSEPH ROBINSON,.....	Baltimore,....	April 17, 1787.
MASSACHUSETTS,.	CHARLES W. MOORE,.....	Boston,.....	April 30, 1733.
MICHIGAN,.....	JAMES FENTON,.....	Detroit,.....	June 28, 1826.
MINNESOTA,.....	GEORGE W. PRESCOTT,...	Saint Paul,....	Feb. 23, 1853.
MISSISSIPPI,....	R. W. T. DANIEL,.....	Jackson,.....	July 27, 1818.
MISSOURI,.....	A. O'SULLIVAN,.....	St. Louis,.....	April 23, 1821.
NEBRASKA,.....	GEORGE ARMSTRONG,....	Omaha City,...	Sept. 23, 1857.
NEW HAMPSHIRE,.	HORACE CHASE,.....	Hopkinton,....	July 8, 1789.
NEW JERSEY,....	JOSEPH H. HOUGH,.....	Trenton,.....	Dec. 18, 1786.
NEW YORK,.....	JAMES M. AUSTIN,.....	New York,....	Sept. 5, 1781.
N. CAROLINA,....	WILLIAM T. BAIN,.....	Raleigh,.....	Jan. 14, 1771.
OHIO,.....	JOHN D. CALDWELL,....	Cincinnati,...	Jan. 7, 1808.
OREGON,.....	WM. S. CALDWELL,....	Hillsboro,....	Sept. 15, 1851.
PENNSYLVANIA,.	WILLIAM H. ADAMS,....	Philadelphia,...	June 20, 1764.
RHODE ISLAND,.	WILLIAM C. BARBER,...	Providence,...	June 25, 1791.
S. CAROLINA,....	ALBERT G. MACKEY,....	Charleston,...	March 24, 1787.
TENNESSEE,.....	CHARLES A. FULLER,....	Nashville,....	Oct. 14, 1794.
TEXAS,.....	A. S. RUTHVEN,.....	Galveston,....	Dec. 20, 1837.
VERMONT,.....	JOHN B. HOLLENBECK,...	Burlington,...	Oct. 14, 1794.
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